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A photo shows an alleged victim of torture.

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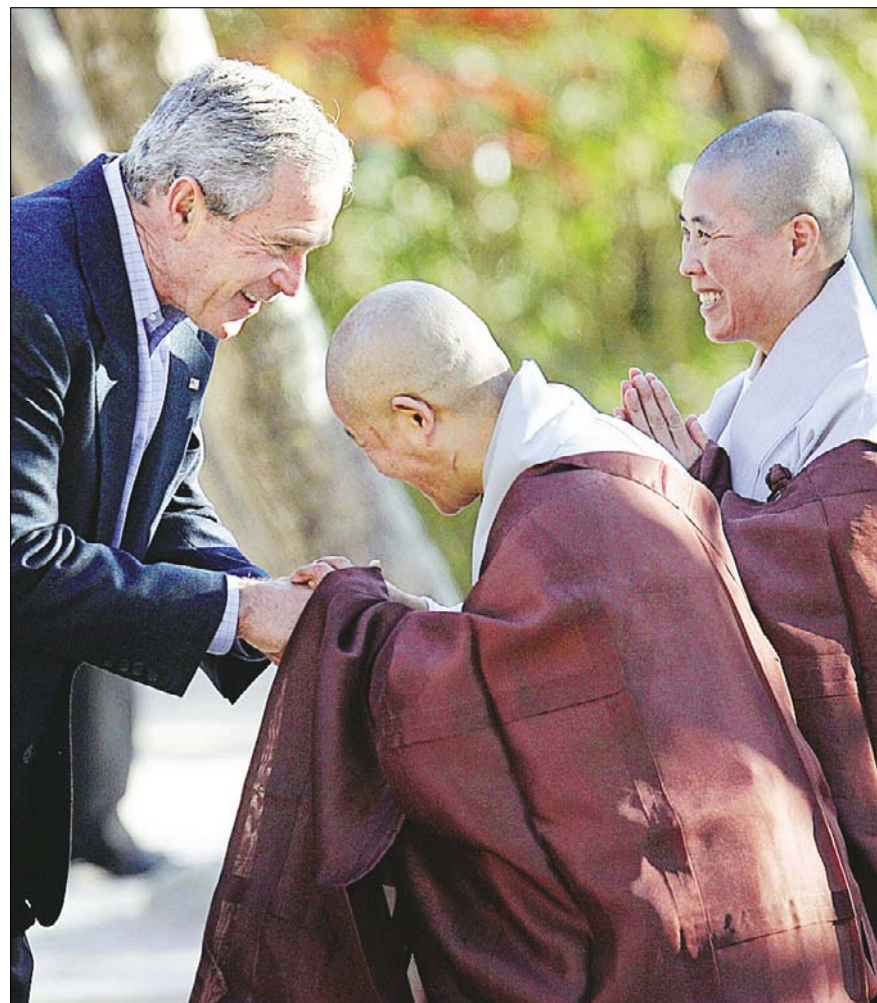


### ENTERTAINMENT



**Cashing In:** Reese Witherspoon is pitch-perfect as June Carter Cash in 'Walk the Line.' Also, 'Harry Potter.'

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PABLO MARTINEZ MONSIVAIS/AP

## In Asia, Bush Prods N. Korea

**GREETINGS:** President Bush is greeted by monks at the Bulguksa Temple in Gyeongju, South Korea, on Thursday. In South Korea as part of his four-country swing through Asia, Bush took a hardline stance against communist North Korea, saying the U.S. won't build it a civilian nuclear reactor until it dismantles its nuclear weapons programs. **United front:** Bush, Putin aim for unity on terror | **Page 7**

## Hawkish Dem: Pull Out Now

Murtha tearfully tells Bush it's time to withdraw troops

WASHINGTON | An influential House Democrat who voted for the Iraq war called Thursday for the immediate withdrawal of U.S. troops, another sign of growing unease in Congress about the conflict.

"It is time for a change in direction," said Rep. John Murtha, D-Pa., one of Congress' most hawkish Democrats. "Our military is suffering, the future of our country is at risk. We cannot continue on the present course."

House Republicans assailed Murtha's position as one of surrender, and accused Democrats of playing politics with the war.

Murtha estimated that all U.S. troops could be pulled out within six months. A Vietnam veteran, he choked back tears during his remarks to reporters.

Murtha's comments came just two days after the Senate voted to approve a statement that 2006 "should be a period of significant transition to full Iraqi sovereignty" to create the conditions for the phased withdrawal of U.S. forces.

In recent days, President Bush and other top administration officials have lashed out at critics of the war and have accused Democrats of advocating a "cut and run" strategy that will only embolden the insurgency. (AP)

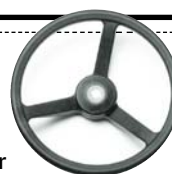
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**PASSENGERS | Baby on Board** An Ahwatukee Foothills, Ariz., pregnant woman who was ticketed last week for driving in the HOV lane is arguing that her unborn child should count as a second person in the car, the East Valley Tribune reported. "Whether



my son is in a car seat versus in my stomach, I don't get it. It's the same," said Candace Dickinson. After she had been pulled over on her way to work, she told the officer that her "son" was in the car with her. (EXPRESS) **EyeOpeners** | **Page 2**



# eyeOpeners

## FREE STUFF

### Uh, 'Mercedesville' Has a Nice Ring to It

A town in Texas on Tuesday changed its name to "Dish," so every resident can get 10 years of free satellite television. In addition to the service, residents of Dish — which used to be known as Clark — will get free digital video recorders and receivers as part of a promotion by the Dish Network. The name change decision, made by the city council, was an incredibly popular one, mayor Bill Merritt said. "I'm sure there are some people who are attached to the name, like the man who founded the town and named it after himself," he said. "At the meeting ... we had no naysayers." (AP)



## CRIME AND PUNISHMENT

### Good Thing He Didn't Roll His Eyes, Too

A New York judicial conduct commission Tuesday admonished a judge for sending a man to jail for signing in court. In November 2002, Mark Schulman went before Judge Richard Lawrence. Officers had warned him several times to be respectful of the judge. When Schulman sighed loudly and shook his head, Lawrence ruled him in contempt of court and sentenced him to jail for five days. When Schulman protested, Lawrence raised the sentence to 10 days. When Schulman protested again, it was upped to 12 days. The commission said Lawrence should have given Schulman a warning first. (AP)



## PARENTING

### Beg Mistake

Tasha Henderson of Oklahoma City got tired of her 14-year-old daughter's poor grades, chronic lateness to class and talking back to her teachers, so she decided to teach the girl a lesson. She made Coretha stand at a busy intersection Nov. 4 with a cardboard sign that read: "I don't do my homework and I act up in school, so my parents are preparing me for my future. Will work for food." The punishment prompted letters and calls to talk radio from people either praising the woman or blasting her for publicly humiliating her daughter. (AP)



## MISSING THE POINT

### Please Do Not Feed The Animals ... to Us

VIP guests at the opening of a zoo in Chiang Mai, Thailand, will not only see exotic animals—they'll taste them. The Night Safari Zoo will have its official opening on New Year's Day, and the "exotic buffet" marking the event will include tiger, lion, elephant and giraffe, said Plodprasop Suraswadi, director of the zoo project. "The VIP guest ... will have the privilege of tasting an exotic menu, ranging from dog meat ... to lion meat," Plodprasop said. (AP)



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**SHEEHAN FINED:** Iraq War protester Cindy Sheehan and 26 other peace activists were found guilty Thursday of protesting without a permit near the White House. They were each ordered to pay \$75 in fines and court costs; Sheehan plans to appeal.

## Nation

# Patriot Act Renewal Effort Stalls

## Senators threaten to block bill over civil liberties protections

WASHINGTON | Legislation reauthorizing the Patriot Act stalled Thursday as lawmakers worked to satisfy senators upset by the elimination of some civil liberties protections.

Negotiators had worked for days to develop an acceptable compromise and presented a draft to senators and representatives late Wednesday.

But senators on the negotiating committee have yet to agree to the compromise, aware that six Republicans and Democrats are threatening to block the final version of the bill when it comes to the full Senate.

"If further changes are not made, we will work to stop this bill from becoming law," the six wrote the



Feingold

Senate Judiciary and Intelligence committees.

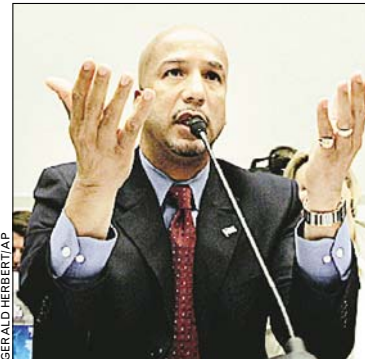
The senators are Republicans Larry Craig of Idaho, John Sununu of New Hampshire and Lisa Murkowski of Alaska, and Democrats Dick Durbin of Illinois, Russ Feingold of Wisconsin and Ken Salazar of Colorado.

Congress is facing two deadlines. Lawmakers want to leave before week's end for Thanksgiving and many parts of the Patriot Act are to expire by year's end if Congress

does not renew them.

The Republican-controlled House hoped to approve the compromise on Friday. Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., told senators on Thursday that they will have to address the legislation "before we leave."

But Feingold, D-Wis., the only senator to vote against the original Patriot Act in 2001, said there are several different delaying tactics available to stop the bill in the Senate. **JESSE J. HOLLAND (AP)**



New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin testifies before a congressional panel Thursday.

## Aid for La. Residents Sought

WASHINGTON | The New Orleans mayor urged Congress on Thursday to provide aid to homeowners hurt by Hurricane Katrina, cautioning that thousands of poor Louisiana residents might not return otherwise.

"We're running out of time on individuals deciding whether to move back, when to move back ... and whether they're comfortable they have the resources to move back," Mayor Ray Nagin told the House Financial Services Committee.

The House committee is reviewing a bill to help property owners in areas of Louisiana hit by Katrina avoid massive defaults on home and business loans while working to rebuild communities. Nagin said the bill would provide for restoration of blighted areas to benefit New Orleans residents, two-thirds of whom are poor and black. **(AP)**

## House Democrats Lead Defeat of Spending Bill

### Measure was part of GOP effort to trim budget, rein in deficit

WASHINGTON | Republicans suffered a startling setback in the House on Thursday, losing a vote on cutting spending for education and health care programs. A broader budget-cutting blueprint targeting the poor, college students and farmers also was in danger.

Both bills are part of a campaign by Republican leaders to burnish their party's budget-cutting credentials as they try to reduce a deficit swelled by spending on the Iraq war and Hurricane Katrina.

Democrats were unanimous in

**"It's our own damned fault. ... It's a sad commentary on what we've become here, Democrats and Republicans."**

Rep. Jeff Flake, R-Ariz., a vocal critic of pork-barrel spending, on Thursday's defeat of a key spending bill | **Today, Page A1**

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opposing that one-year appropriations bill. A companion deficit-reduction bill that would slice \$50 billion from the deficit through the end of the decade also faced opposition from Democrats, as well as from moderate Republicans who are unhappy with cuts to Medicaid, food stamps and college loan subsidies. **(AP)**

### THANKSGIVING | NOT-SO-FANCY FEAST



**LINE UP:** St. Augustine School kindergartners, from left, Seth Schaefer, Noah Kane, Erin Sears, and Grace Sullivan, get turkey and the trimmings Thursday during the school's Thanksgiving feast in Peru, N.Y.

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## Nation

# Guilty Verdict in Fla. Killing

Death penalty possible in case of an abduction caught on videotape

SARASOTA, FLA. | A mechanic with a long criminal record was convicted Thursday of kidnapping, raping and strangling an 11-year-old girl whose abduction was captured by a car-wash security camera.

Joseph Smith, 39, could get the death penalty.

The jury took about five hours to find him guilty in the slaying of Carlie Brucia, whose half-naked body was found outside a church more than four days after the sixth-grader disappeared in February 2004 while walking home from a friend's house.

Smith was arrested after being identified as the burly man seen taking the girl away by the arm in a fuzzy video that was broadcast nationwide during the search for the killer.



Susan Schorpen, left, mother of Carlie Brucia, weeps with Judy Cornett as the guilty verdict against Joseph Smith is read in Sarasota, Fla., on Thursday.

Prosecutors built their case on the footage, the testimony of Smith's friends and co-workers who said they recognized Smith in the video, DNA and hair-analysis evidence, and the word of the defendant's brother, who

said Smith confessed.

Smith, who did not take the stand, showed no emotion when the verdict was read. The jury will return for the sentencing phase on Nov. 28. MIKE SCHNEIDER (AP)

## Katrina Evacuees Worry Ahead of FEMA Deadline

DALLAS | Calvin Jamison and nine relatives do not like living in the two Dallas hotel rooms they have shared since Hurricane Katrina devastated their hometown of New Orleans.

Now, they have added stress: a Dec. 1 government deadline announced Tuesday to find more permanent housing, something they have been trying to do for two months.

Jamison, 21, said that with no transportation, no money and no shortage of administrative obstacles, it has been a futile effort. He said he does not know what will happen in two weeks, when Federal Emergency Management Agency officials will cease paying for evacuees' hotel rooms.

FEMA said leaflets were being slipped under hotel doors and teams



New Orleans evacuees Demetrius Johnson, left, and Calvin Jamison are

were going out, informing evacuees of their options. But Jamison said Wednesday that he and his relatives had no knowledge of the announcement, despite speaking with FEMA on the phone just hours previously. "It's just like a big surprise," Jamison said. SHEILA FLYNN (AP)

## In Brief

### WASHINGTON

#### Wilson: Post Should Probe Woodward's Silence on Leak

The husband of a CIA operative Valerie Plame, whose identity was revealed to reporters in 2003, says The Washington Post should investigate why Bob Woodward didn't tell his editor what he knew about the leak until last month. Joseph Wilson said the Post owes its readers an explanation of how Woodward, "who is now part of the story, didn't share this information with his editors and with his readers." (AP)

### LITITZ, PA

#### More Than 50 Guns Found in Teen Killing Suspect's Home

Police seized 54 guns from the home of an 18-year-old man charged with killing his girlfriend's parents and fleeing the state with her, according to court documents filed Thursday. The collection of rifles, shotguns, handguns and ammunition were removed Sunday from the home where suspect David Ludwig lived with his parents. (AP)

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## Nation

# HIV Diagnoses Down for Blacks

## CDC: Rate of AIDS infection still high for African-Americans

ATLANTA | The rate of newly reported HIV cases among blacks has been dropping by about 5 percent a year since 2001, the government said Thursday. But blacks are still eight times more likely than whites to be diagnosed with the AIDS virus.

"The racial disparities remain severe," said Lisa Lee, an epidemiologist at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The falling rate among blacks seems to be tied to overlapping drops in diagnoses among injection drug users and heterosexuals, CDC researchers said.

The CDC found that overall diagnoses in the 33 states decreased

### DISEASE DECLINE

Overall HIV diagnoses decreased slightly in 33 states from 2001 to 2004, the CDC said Thursday.

→ **38,685 HIV cases** were reported in 2004, down from 41,207 in 2001.

→ **Diagnoses among** men who have sex with men climbed 8 percent between 2003 and 2004.

→ **Roughly 25 percent** of people living with HIV don't know they're infected.

slightly, from 22.8 cases per 100,000 people in 2001 to 20.7 per 100,000 in 2004. The decline was more pronounced among blacks, dropping from 88.7 per 100,000 in 2001 to 76.3 in 2004. Among whites, the rate rose slightly from 8.7 to 9.0. (AP)

### CHARITY | HE'S LOVIN' IT



**SEND OFF THE CLOWN:** Ronald McDonald rides an assembly line in Kingsport, Tenn., during preparations for the Santa Train. Fifteen tons of gifts, toys, clothing and candy were loaded for the train, which runs Saturday.

## Dinosaurs Ate Grass, Scientists Say

WASHINGTON | Imagine dinosaur terrain — full of ferns and palms, right? Better add some grass to that picture. A new discovery debunks the theory that grasses didn't emerge until long after the dinosaurs died off.

Fossilized dung tells the story: The most prominent plant-eating dinosaurs were digesting different varieties of grass between 65

million and 71 million years ago, researchers reported Friday in the journal Science.

It's a big surprise for scientists, who had never really looked for evidence of grass in dino diets before.

"Most people would not have fathomed that they would eat grasses," noted lead researcher Caroline Stromberg of the Swedish Museum of Natural History. (AP)





"Facts have proved that China's development will not stand in the way of anyone, nor will it pose any threat to anyone."

—Chinese President Hu Jintao, speaking to a gathering of business leaders in Busan, South Korea

## World

# Bush, Putin to Tackle Pivotal Issues

Amid recent disputes, leaders to meet ahead of opening for APEC

BUSAN, SOUTH KOREA | Though their political relationship is strained, President Bush and Russian President Vladimir Putin are trying to speak with one voice about the war on terror and the campaign to stop North Korea's nuclear ambitions.

The two leaders were meeting Friday, apparently still at odds over how to address Iran's nuclear programs and with long-running differences over the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq and U.S. concern that Russia is retreating from democracy.

Bush and Putin were meeting in a hotel suite before the opening of the annual Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation forum. The White House said the key topics would include Iran, North Korea, terrorism, trade and Moscow's goal to join the World Trade Organization.

Bush was also to meet with Southeast Asia leaders to underscore U.S. interest in the region,



**ON TOUR:** President Bush poses with traditionally-dressed South Koreans during a visit to a temple in Kyongju on Thursday.

one of the battlegrounds in the fight against terrorists. Bush was interested in asking the leaders to exert their influence on the military junta in Myanmar, which Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said was "one of the worst regimes in the world" for its record on human

rights and free speech.

Putin has refused to support Bush in the president's eagerness to go to the U.N. Security Council with suspicions Iran is trying to build a nuclear arsenal. Over U.S. objections, Russia is building a nuclear reactor for a power plant

in Iran, an \$800 million project the United States fears could be used to help develop nuclear arms.

TERENCE HUNT (AP)

**Bush abroad:** View a photo gallery of President Bush's trip across Asia | [washingtonpost.com/cameraworks](http://washingtonpost.com/cameraworks)



Special sneakers could help migrants trying to cross the U.S.-Mexico border.

## High-Tech Shoes Aid Border Run

Designer giving away specialty sneakers to Mexican migrants

SAN DIEGO | The high-top sneakers cost \$215 at a San Diego boutique, but the designer is giving them away to migrants before they cross to this side of the U.S.-Mexico border.

These are no ordinary shoes.

A compass and flashlight dangle from one shoelace. The pocket in the tongue is for money or pain relievers. A rough map of the border region is printed on a removable insole. They are the colors of the Mexican flag.

Their designer is Judi Werthein, an Argentine artist who moved to New York in 1997 — legally, she notes.

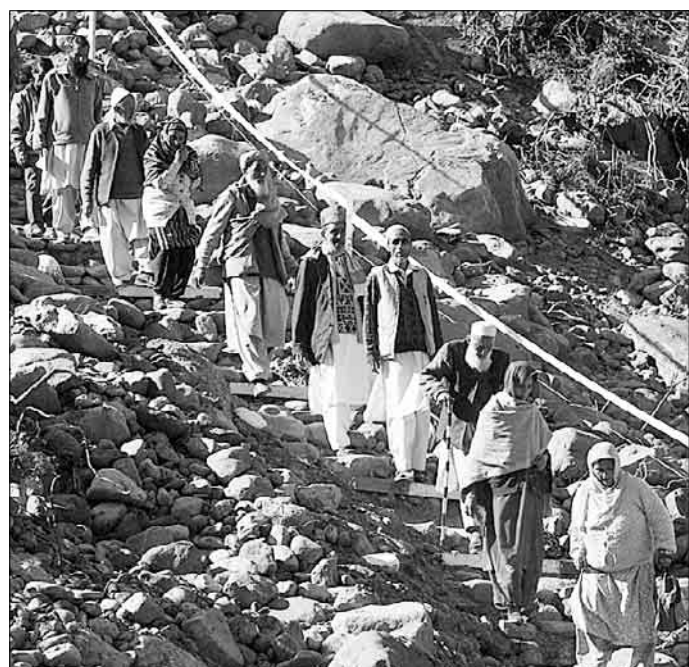
On recent evening in Tijuana, after giving away 50 pairs at a migrant shelter, Werthein waved the insole and pointed to the main road between San Diego and Phoenix.

Only 1,000 pairs of the sneakers have been made. The shoes were introduced in August at inSite, an art exhibition in San Diego and Tijuana. Benefactors then put up \$40,000 for the project.

Some say Werthein is encouraging illegal immigration — but she rejects the criticism, saying people will cross with or without her shoes.

ELLIOT SPAGAT (AP)

### PAKISTAN | DISPUTED CROSSING OPENS UP



ACHMAD IBRAHIM/AP

**FIRST STEPS:** Kashmiri earthquake survivors walk to cross the Pakistan-India border in Chakothi, Pakistan, Thursday. Civilians crossed Pakistan's disputed Kashmiri frontier with India for the first time since the devastating Oct. 8 earthquake, as part of a breakthrough agreement to aid relief efforts.

## Syria's Assad Strikes Defiant Tone on Probe

BEIRUT, LEBANON | In Syria, even the prisoners are supporting the government in its standoff with the United Nations: They're on a three-day hunger strike to express solidarity.

It's all part of a new and more aggressive stance by President Bashar Assad, who's made clear in recent days that his country intends to fight back hard against a U.N. probe that implicated Syria in murder.

Some may dismiss the hunger strike as a government-staged stunt. But it shows how far Damascus will go to prove that normal Syrians support the president.

It all comes in the wake of a hardline speech last week in which Assad told his people the U.N. investigation into the Feb. 14

assassination of former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri was just a Western pretext to come after Syria.

In his speech, Assad said Syria would resist, rather than yield to the pressure.

Assad's defiant tone was surprising given that all 15 members of the U.N. Security Council voted to pass a resolution that calls on Syria to cooperate fully or risk unspecified "further action."

But in the speech, Assad indicated that he believes Syria still has some bargaining chips to play in the region, especially in Lebanon and Iraq. DONNA ABU-NASR (AP)



Assad



# World



**2B? NT2B?** "Romeo, Romeo — wher4 Rt thou Romeo?" It could be the future of Shakespeare. Dot mobile, a British mobile-phone service, says it plans to condense classic works of literature into text messages as a resource for students.

## In Brief

PARIS

### Surge of Civil Unrest Calms, Emergency Powers Remain

France had its first "totally normal" night after three weeks of the country's worst civil unrest in decades, police said Thursday, although nearly 10,000 police and state of emergency powers remained in place to prevent violence and rioting from flaring again. Police said the number of vehicles set ablaze overnight fell to 98, marking the lowest tally in over two weeks and a return to relative calm. (AP)

PORT-AU-PRINCE, HAITI

### Newly Revised Date for Key Elections Said to Be 'Firm'

Haiti's first elections since the ouster of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide will be delayed again until nearly the end of next month, the country's interim prime minister said Thursday. The first round of the legislative and presidential elections will be Dec. 27 followed by a runoff on Jan. 31, Interim Prime Minister Gerard Latortue said in an interview. The new date is "firm and final," Latortue said. (AP)



An Indonesian boy purchases a pigeon at a market in central Jakarta Thursday.

BEIJING

### Indonesia Reports 2 More Human Deaths From Bird Flu

Indonesia on Thursday confirmed bird flu has killed two more people, a day after China reported its first human cases, including at least one death — both menacing signs that the virus is spreading faster as the winter flu months near. The World Health Organization in Jakarta said tests sent to a Hong Kong laboratory came back positive for the H5N1 bird flu virus for a 20-year-old woman and a 16-year-old girl who both died last week, said WHO spokeswoman Sari Setiogi. (AP)



**DETAINED:** A member of the Association of Muslim Scholars holds an undated photo of an allegedly tortured man in Baghdad.

## Abuse Claims to Be Probed

### Iraqi official says torture allegations exaggerated

**BAGHDAD, IRAQ** | The Iraqi government has promised to investigate detention facilities across the country to ensure prisoners are not tortured, the United States said Thursday, sharply warning Iraqi officials against allowing Shiite militias a role in the security services following allegations of torture of Sunni Arabs.

The Interior Minister, who is in charge of the facilities and securi-

ty forces, said torture claims were exaggerated.

Sectarian rhetoric sharpened four days after U.S. troops found up to 173 detainees — some showing signs of torture — in an Interior Ministry building. Most were believed to be Sunni Arabs.

A leader of a major Sunni party, Tariq al-Hashimi, told Iraq's Sharqiyah television that his group had submitted 50 com-

plaints of prisoner abuse to the government, "but we did not receive a timely response."

Interior Minister Bayn Jabr, a Shiite, denied sectarian bias and claimed that "every time" al-Hashimi has differences with him "he exerts pressure on me through the U.S. Embassy."

In a statement Thursday, the U.S. Embassy said Iraqi authorities had given assurances they will investigate the conditions of the detainees found Sunday. ROBERT H. REID (AP)

BRITAIN | WINGDING



**SKY HIGH:** Britain's Queen Elizabeth II watches jets fly in formation Thursday while marking the 65th anniversary of RAF Coltishall air base in England.

## Rebel Boycott Mars Sri Lanka Vote

**COLOMBO, SRI LANKA** | Rebels burned tires and intimidated voters to keep thousands of minority Tamils from the polls Thursday in a tight election for a new Sri Lankan president to lead peace efforts and oversee the recovery from last year's tsunami.

Balloting was smooth in western and southern parts of the island nation and overall turnout was 75 percent, election officials said.

But in the north and east — territory of the feared Tamil Tiger rebels — grenade attacks, roadblocks and fear kept many Tamils from voting. Others in the region heed-



Police escort election workers carrying ballot boxes in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

ed a boycott called by pro-rebel groups that complained neither of the main candidates would help

## Israel to Hold Early Elections

### Sharon agrees to move up vote, likely stalling Mideast peace talks

**JERUSALEM** | Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and his main political rivals agreed Thursday to hold elections early next year, a decision likely to freeze any plans to capitalize on Israel's Gaza withdrawal to restart Mideast peace talks.

Sharon had resisted moving up the election scheduled for next November but changed his mind after the Labor Party threatened to bolt the coalition, putting the survival of his government in doubt.

A series of urgent election-related meetings on Thursday overshadowed a fresh, hard-won agreement reached two days earlier on reopening the vital Gaza-Egypt crossing, illustrating that until a new government is in place, Israeli leaders will be concentrating on domestic politics instead of peacemaking.

Palestinians, too, are heading into an election season, with parliamentary balloting set for Jan. 25, featuring candidates from the Islamic militant group Hamas for the first time, mounting a serious challenge to Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas. MARK LAVIE (AP)

them win a homeland in north-eastern Sri Lanka.

The Tamils, whose plight is at the heart of a civil war that has lasted more than two decades, make up just under 20 percent of Sri Lanka's 19 million people but were a critical factor in the tightly contested election.

The race pitted hard-line Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapakse against dovish opposition leader Ranil Wickremesinghe, whose softer line on peace talks with the rebels won him wide support among Tamils, a largely Hindu minority.

MATTHEW ROSENBERG (AP)



# Money

## Ex-Hollinger Chief Indicted

**Former media mogul Conrad Black, 3 others, face charges of fraud**

CHICAGO | Former media tycoon Conrad Black and three other executives were charged in a federal fraud indictment Thursday involving the \$2.1 billion sale of several hundred Canadian newspapers and the abuse of corporate perquisites at newspaper publishing company Hollinger International Inc.

Black, 61, Hollinger International's ousted chairman, was accused in the 11-count indictment of cheating the company's shareholders as well as Canadian taxing authorities.



Conrad Black is the former chairman of the Hollinger publishing company.

Black and the others were accused of fraudulently diverting more than \$32 million from the company through a complex series of transactions. Former

Chicago Sun-Times publisher David Radler pleaded guilty to similar charges involving the \$32 million in September.

But the indictment also outlines fresh allegations, including what federal prosecutors described as the fraudulent diversion of an additional \$51.8 million in 2000 from Hollinger International's sale of assets to CanWestGlobal Communications Corp.

The indictment also charged that Black and one of his co-defendants fraudulently misused corporate perquisites, including a company jet, two Park Avenue apartments and company money for a lavish birthday party for Mrs. Black. (AP)

## Google's Stock Hits \$400 a Share

NEW YORK | Google Inc.'s stock price crossed the \$400 threshold to a new all-time high Thursday, marking a gain of nearly \$100 a share in the four weeks since the Web-search giant reported impressive quarterly financial results.

During the intervening period, Google has produced a steady stream of news that has fanned excitement about growth prospects, and its stock has, in turn, marched

fairly steadily upward.

Google's shares changed hands at \$401.82 in early afternoon trading, up \$3.67, or 0.92 percent.

Earlier in the day, the stock set a new high of \$403.81, lifting Google's market capitalization to about \$119 billion. Google is still smaller than some peers by this measure — Microsoft Corp.'s is at about \$293 billion.

Among the new Google initia-

tives driving investor excitement is Google Base, a service that will collect all sorts of information from consumers and businesses and make it easily searchable.

Piper Jaffray analyst Safa Rashtchy said in a research note Thursday that the service could allow the company to "create a new worldwide Web" and gain "massive advertising inventory."

RIVA RICHMOND (AP)

## Market Action

### New York Stock Exchange

#### Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
BradyCp s	37.30	+6.70	+21.9
JLG	45.52	+5.73	+14.4
ECC Cap n	2.51	+26	+11.6
SunComWls	2.47	+24	+10.8
Bombay	3.89	+36	+10.2

#### Losers

Stonerdg	6.94	-1.81	-20.7
Biovail	22.30	-2.61	-10.5
IntcntlEx n	35.25	-4.00	-10.2
HancFab	4.99	-.56	-10.1
SonicAut	19.79	-2.20	-10.0

### NASDAQ Stock Market

#### Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
SNB Besh	17.40	+6.40	+58.2
ChinaESv n	5.70	+1.58	+38.3
Ault Inc	2.08	+.37	+21.6
Amtech	6.74	+1.14	+20.4
NewVly	10.83	+1.63	+17.7

#### Losers

TaroPh	14.40	-7.50	-34.2
Q Med	9.12	-2.79	-23.4
JacoElec	3.02	-.53	-14.9
DynacqHlt n	3.50	-.45	-11.4
Metabasis	6.01	-.76	-11.2

### Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	7.00	7.00
Fed Funds close	4.00	4.00
3-month	3.92	3.87
2-year	4.38	4.43
10-year	4.47	4.56
30-year	4.65	4.74

### Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5818	.5826	.5381
Canadian Dollar	1.1870	1.1925	1.1932
European Euro	.8511	.8557	.7669
Japanese Yen	118.72	119.05	104.06
Mexican Peso	10.6290	10.6380	11.3000
Taiwanese Dollar	33.63	33.63	32.95

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### Pharmacy Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
Allergan	99.15	+1.15	+22.3
AstraZen	44.86	+.34	+23.3
BarrPhm	57.09	+1.84	+25.4
BrMySq	21.97	+.12	-14.2
ForestLab	38.20	+.52	-14.8
Hospira	43.99	...	+31.3
IvaxCorp	30.16	+.69	+90.6
JohnJn	63.34	+.09	-.1
LillyEli	49.76	-.04	-12.3
Merck	29.61	-1.17	-7.9
MylanLab	20.45	+.13	+15.7
Pfizer	21.35	-.02	-20.6
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**Highest one-day total of prank 911 phone calls** received in Allegany County, Md., in a six-week period during which a total of 1,300 such calls were tallied. Two teens were arrested last weekend in connection with the calls.

In Brief

**PALMER PARK, MD. 154th Homicide Ties Record In Pr. George's County**  
Prince George's County recorded its record-tying 154th homicide of the year on Thursday. The death of Dominique Donte Walker, 26, of Oxon Hill, tied the record set in 1991. Walker was shot multiple times outside his home. Police did not have a motive or a suspect. Police said 82 percent of the homicides in the county are committed by firearms and 67 percent are drug related. (AP)

**WASHINGTON Man Hit By Green Line Train at Columbia Heights**  
A man was struck by a Greenbelt-bound Green Line train during at the Columbia Heights station on Thursday at 5:47 p.m. According to Metro, the man was taken to a hospital but his condition was unclear. Trains single tracked around the incident, but there were significant delays. The station reopened at 6:36 p.m. (EXPRESS)

**ALEXANDRIA, VA. Jury Deliberations to Begin In Case of Accused Terrorist**  
Al Qaeda terrorists looking for a patsy falsely implicated an American student studying in Saudi Arabia as one of their own, a defense lawyer suggested Thursday during closing arguments of the student's trial on multiple terrorism charges. Jury deliberation will begin Friday in the trial of Ahmed Omar Abu Ali, 24, of Falls Church, Va., who faces up to life in prison if convicted on charges that include conspiracy to assassinate the president and providing support to al Qaeda. (AP)

Md. Aims to Cut Emissions

Governor announces proposed regulations for coal power plants

BETHESDA, MD. | Maryland may require billions of dollars in improvements to coal-powered power plants in metropolitan Baltimore and Washington as officials announced what they described Thursday as the most sweeping air pollution control mea-

sure ever enacted in the state. Power plants would have to reduce pollutants such as nitrogen oxide and sulfur dioxide by 2010, changes that authorities said could slash some harmful power plant emissions by up to 85 percent. The proposed change, announced by Gov. Robert Ehrlich, comes after the legislature last year considered, but could not agree on, similar air pollution efforts. The version pitched by Ehrlich would

not affect carbon dioxide emissions from the six power plants, a feature of last session's bill that he opposed. Ehrlich said his version would make strides in air quality without putting an undue burden on power suppliers. The price tag for the cleaner standards could run into the billions and will be paid by the power companies, said Tom Snyder, director of the state's Air and Radiation Management Administration. (AP)

Metro to Sell Land In Vienna

For \$6.5M, developer will get controversial acreage near station

WASHINGTON | The Metro Board voted unanimously Thursday to sell a 3.7-acre tract of land near the Vienna Metro to Pulte Homes, which is already developing its Metro West project on 50 acres adjacent to this land. Pulte will pay \$6.5 million for the land, on which it hopes to build offices and condominiums.

The Metro vote was delayed for a month so board members could hear from neighborhood residents who said they felt like no one had listened to their concerns about the size of the development.

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors must still give final approval to the plan. Supervisors are expected to take up the project early next year. HEATHER GREENFIELD (AP)

McDonnell, Deeds Both Prepare To Take Office

RICHMOND, VA. | Virginia's next attorney general began moving into his transition office Thursday. Whether it's Republican Bob McDonnell or Democrat Creigh Deeds won't be known until next month when a recount concludes. Both men are preparing to take office after a Nov. 8 election that has McDonnell leading by 341 votes out of nearly 2 million cast — a difference of about one vote for every seven precincts.

It's the tightest statewide election in modern Virginia history.

LARRY O'DELL (AP)

RICHMOND, VA. | WARNER STAFF TO WORK FOR KAINE



**FAMILIAR FACES:** Virginia Gov.-elect Tim Kaine, left, on Thursday introduced his new deputy chief of staff, Wayne Turnage, center, and chief of staff, Bill Leighty, at a news conference. Kaine picked Turnage and Leighty from the administration of the current governor, Mark Warner.

Duncan to Present Education Plan

ANNAPOLIS, MD. | Montgomery County Executive Doug Duncan, who began his gubernatorial campaign on Oct. 20 with a pledge to make education his top priority, said one of his first acts as Maryland governor would be to create an edu-

cation cabinet to make sure all state agencies are focused on improving state schools. Duncan plans to present his education proposals on Friday at a Childrens 1st awards banquet at a church in Baltimore. (AP)

The Lotteries

Thursday, Nov. 17

DISTRICT	
Mid-day Lucky Numbers	7-8-5
Evening Lucky Numbers	8-9-1
Mid-day DC 4	3-8-7-9
Evening DC 4	6-8-0-7
Hot Five	33-27-06-09-29
Daily 6	16-05-35-07-32-21 Bonus: 30
Hot Lotto (Wed.)	15-17-21-24-31 (16)

MARYLAND	
Mid-day Pick 3	4-8-1
Evening Pick 3	2-8-6
Mid-day Pick 4	6-0-9-3
Evening Pick 4	0-5-6-2
Match 5	07-17-28-35-36 Bonus: 27
Lotto (Wed.)	04-06-22-31-37-49
VIRGINIA	
Mid-day Pick 3 (Thurs.)	2-4-8
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	1-3-8
Mid-day Pick 4 (Thurs.)	5-9-7-6

Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	5-6-8-9
Mid-day Cash 5 (Thurs.)	01-05-11-20-31
Evening Cash 5 (Wed.)	05-09-10-31-34
Lotto South (Wed.)	14-15-18-24-36-43
MULTI-STATE GAMES	
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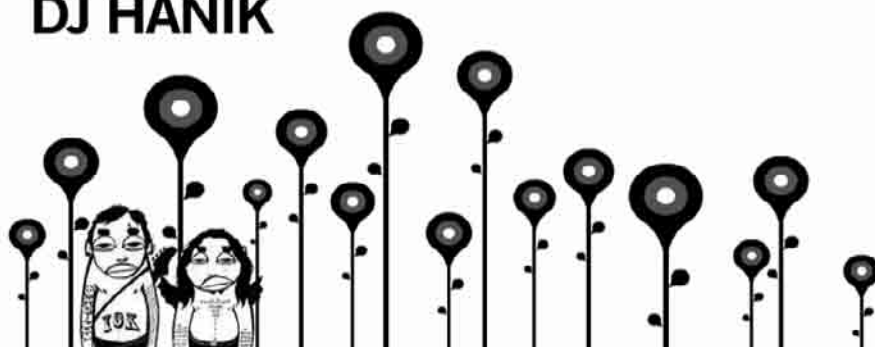
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# Entertainment Weekend

## Dark Ages for Harry

**The boy wizard grows up the hard way in 'Goblet of Fire'**

**FILM** | If the third film in the Harry Potter series, last year's "Prisoner of Azkaban," seemed frightening, then the fourth installment, "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire," will have kids quaking in their seats — and perhaps wishing they had an invisibility cloak to hide beneath.

This "Potter" earns its PG-13 rating — a first for the previously PG series about the boy wizard — as Harry grows into adolescence and learns more about his powers and his past. Of course, young fans have already devoured the J.K. Rowling books that provide the basis for the films, so they know what's coming. But reading it on the page and seeing it on the screen can be two entirely different experiences, and several scenes will be disturbing to viewers regardless of age. It features the return of the dreaded Lord Voldemort, the dark warlock who killed Harry's parents when he was just an infant. As played by an unrecognizable Ralph Fiennes, Voldemort makes a smooth, almost effeminate incarnation of the Devil, surrounded by cloaked minions.

Even scarier, though, is the maze Harry must navigate as a competitor in the dangerous Triwizard Tournament. The giant hedges that serve as the maze walls are predatory, sensing and feeding on the young wizards' fears.

While these are the most extreme examples of the movie's intensity, they're also the ones that are the most emotionally powerful. Director Mike Newell has crafted a film full of images that are vast and wondrous, but strangely detached and



**BACK INTO THE BREACH:** In the fourth installment of the Harry Potter film series, the boy wizard is tested not just in the realm of magic but at the sport Quidditch, loyalty to his family and friends and — gulp — the confusing arena of the opposite sex.

obviously artificial. You can appreciate the visuals, but it's difficult to feel engaged by them.

"Goblet of Fire" is more effective in its smaller, more intimate moments. Harry (Daniel Radcliffe), Hermione (Emma Watson) and Ron (Rupert Grint) are beginning to figure out who they are and struggling to understand the opposite sex, something they're forced to do upon the arrival of students from two other schools.

The sophisticated young women of the Beauxbatons Academy and the virile, vaguely Eastern European young men from the Durmstrang Institute are visiting Hogwarts for

the year to compete in the Triwizard Tournament. It's the first time we see that there is indeed a magical world outside Hogwarts and England.

The Goblet of Fire spits out the name of one student from each school to participate in this grueling challenge: Hogwarts' BMO Cedric Diggory (Robert Pattinson); Beauxbatons' glamour girl Fleur Delacour (Clemence Poesy); and Durmstrang's Quidditch star Viktor Krum (Stanislav Ianevski).

Then it offers a fourth name: Harry Potter.

But first, he'll have to dance at the Yule Ball — awkwardly,

of course, since he and his classmates have received only cursory, uncomfortable lessons from Maggie Smith's Professor McGonagall. (Brendan Gleeson, a fantastic new addition to the cast as Mad-Eye Moody, the school's bad-boy Defense Against the Dark Arts teacher, just stands in the corner with his flask and his one fake eye, which has a mind of its own.)

That scene is funny, relatable and loaded with misunderstandings, with everyone wishing they were there with someone else, or not at all. In its realism, it's one of the most magical moments of all. **CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)**

### Got Plans?

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**What's the Buzz?** Too much literalism spoils the whimsical razzle-dazzle of a film about spelling, mysticism and faith. Desson Thomson reviews "Bee Season." | *Weekend*

**Piety as Parody:** Stephen Hunter tries to be serious about the Holocaust drama "The Aryan Couple," but its kitsch vulgarity and cartoon-style Nazis demand muffled giggles. | *Weekend*

**Changing Times:** "Machuca" is a lush, passionate portrait of 1970s Chile under Salvador Allende, told through the eyes of two young teens. Ann Hornaday reviews. | *Weekend*

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# Black Look Back

## 'Walk the Line' documents Johnny Cash's darkest days

**FILM** | The title is "Walk the Line" because the film is about Johnny Cash, whom Joaquin Phoenix plays with a raw intensity and a blaze in his eyes that's part bad boy, part scared child, but 100 percent emotional commitment.

Then along comes Reese Witherspoon as Cash's lifelong love, June Carter, and she pretty much steals the movie right out from underneath him.

This is not to disparage Phoenix's performance. What he has done in capturing the energy and essence of a towering American cultural figure is nothing short of extraordinary, especially when you consider that's him singing and playing the guitar in Cash's deep, driving style.

Director James Mangold book-ends the film with Cash's groundbreaking 1968 performance at Folsom Prison, and in between shows us how songs like "I Walk the Line" and "I Got Stripes" were born of Cash's desire to tell honest, gritty stories, as well as the difficulty he faced in balancing the God-fearing and God-awful sides of his own personality.

Cash would seem like a cliché if he hadn't helped establish the prototype for the self-destructive rock 'n' roll lifestyle in the



**BURN, BURN, BURN:** The love between Johnny and June is chronicled credibly.

mid-1950s while touring with Jerry Lee Lewis (Waylon Payne), Waylon Jennings (played by his son, Shooter Jennings, which is a nice touch) and a very young, very Southern Elvis Presley (Tyler Hilton). By now the pattern is pretty familiar: booze, pills and women, perhaps a dressing room-trashing tantrum, followed by withdrawal, followed by remorse.

Early scenes vividly indicate the source of his torment: the death of his older brother, Jack, during a saw accident while working to help support his family in Depression-era Arkansas. Their father (Robert Patrick) yells that the Devil "took the wrong son," and even as a

grown man, Phoenix makes it palpably clear that beneath the outlaw's bravado, Cash was always a little boy inside, trying to please his daddy.

Cash's first marriage to Vivian (Ginnifer Goodwin), the mother of his four daughters, was doomed by her disapproval of his frequent touring and his blossoming love for June, a singer he had long admired.

On stage and off, their connection was both kinetic and deeply tender, which "Walk the Line" demonstrates from the second they meet. The real Johnny and June Cash would have been pleased. **CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)**

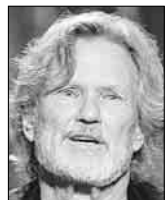
## A Close Watch on Johnny

**LEGENDS** | Kris Kristofferson will probably be watching "Walk the Line" more closely than most. As a close friend and collaborator of Cash's, Kristofferson will have a rare perspective on the film. Besides writing songs recorded by Cash, Kristofferson teamed with Cash, Willie Nelson and Waylon Jennings for three albums between 1985 and 1995 as the supergroup the Highwaymen.

**Will you be watching the movie with**

**a critical eye?**  
Mostly, I'll be looking at it as a guy who worshipped John.

**Will there be another Highwaymen album, without Cash and Jennings?**  
There was talk about it this year. I think they were going to do it with George Jones and Hank Jr. There are a number of guys that



Kristofferson

could fit in: Merle Haggard — he should have been one. It could easily happen again ... but it won't be the same.

**What was it like working with that original lineup?**

I think I was different from the other guys in that I came in it as a fan of all of them. To be not only recorded by them but to be friends and work side by side was just a little unreal. It was like seeing your face on Mount Rushmore. **JOHN GEROME (AP)**

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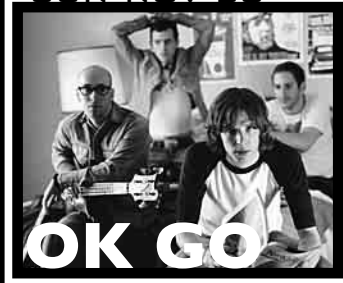
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# The Girl Will Say Anything

And Sarah Silverman does, in her stand-up film 'Jesus Is Magic'

FILM | Sarah Silverman tells jokes about the Holocaust and 9/11, AIDS and slaves, Jesus Christ and her dying grandmother.

She refers to Asians as "chinks" and anyone Hispanic as a Mexican. She is equal opportunity in the relentlessness of her remarks: No one emerges unscathed.

Silverman is also undeniably cute and irresistibly likable, with a big smile and bright eyes and an almost childlike enthusiasm in her little-girl voice.

And therein lies the paradox of her shtick, on full display in her quasi-concert film/musical, "Sarah Silverman: Jesus Is Magic."

Silverman's humor is not so much observational but confrontational. She forces you to confront your own foibles and prejudices, as well as the rampant political correctness designed to change such attitudes, by energetically embracing them. Unlike some comics who draw their laughs through self-deprecation, Silverman comes off as a shameless, radiant narcissist.

"I don't care if you think I'm racist," she says toward the end. "I just want you to think I'm thin."

It's all a put-on, of course. But her timing is so deliberate, she's bound to fool many literal-minded people. If these comments came out of anyone else's mouth, they'd be considered inexcusably offensive. Taking that risk — assuming that you can figure out for yourself whether she's kidding or not — shows that she's fearless, and that's incredibly exciting to watch.

At least for a while, anyway. One weakness Silverman and musician-turned-director Liam Lynch reveal is that a little bit of the gimmick goes a long way. The intentionally campy songs (which Silverman wrote and performs, and the girl can sing) are high-energy but surprisingly low in creativity. A couple of fake backstage conversations (with her sister, actress Laura Silverman, and fellow comedians Bob Odenkirk and Brian Posehn) also feel a bit forced.

Silverman herself is so bewitching, though, you want to like the movie more. She's easily one of the most compelling, clever comics working today.

CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)



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## Now Playing

### THE ARISTOCRATS (Unrated, 87 minutes)

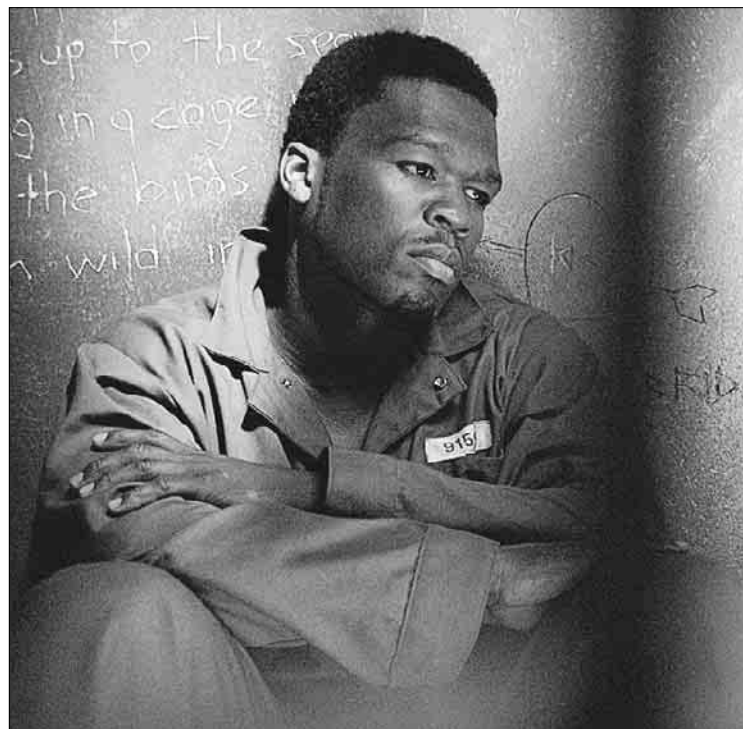
The joke whose punch line lends this documentary its title isn't especially funny. Filthy, yes, but not a laugh riot, except in the way its structure lends itself to extended riffs of jazz-like improvisation on the part of the 100 or so comedians who line up to tell it. What makes us laugh is the joke's sheer excess. (MD)

**BALLETS RUSSES** (unrated, 118 minutes) How much do ballet lovers on these shores owe to the Ballets Russes? Those starving Russian emigres rolled across America and built a ballet audience where none had been before. With its tireless whistle-stop tours, the Ballets Russes paved the way for American Ballet Theatre and, by extension, all the other outcrop-

pings of that refined European tradition that took hold here and flourished. This is all made clear in this electrifying documentary that lovingly and authoritatively brings to life an era of unequaled artistic excitement. This movie is spun out like a historical thriller, laying bare the politics, rivalries, tremendous egos and creative appetites that ultimately produced two warring troupes. (SARAH KAUFMAN)

**CAPOTE** (R, 98 minutes) It is a comical image: fey, mincing, piping little Truman Capote in his cashmere scarf tiptoeing around the bleak wheat-field burg of Holcomb, Kan., in the wake of some horrific murders about which he admits he doesn't really care. As Capote, Philip Seymour Hoffman makes you believe in the man: an artist's personality, ruthless and shrewd; a hysteric's delicate grasp of his emotions; a charmer whose wiles could wear down even the wary Kansas lawmen. (SH)

**CHICKEN LITTLE** (G, 78 minutes) Based on the old tale, and the image of ardent, mythological stupidity — the chicken



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**DON'T BELIEVE THE HYPE:** Curtis Jackson's life story is the stuff exciting films are made of, but the thinly veiled 50 Cent biopic, "Get Rich or Die Tryin'," is inert.

who thought the sky was falling when an acorn fell on its head — this computer-animated gee-whizzer takes the story one more crank toward the literal. When the thing hits Chicken Little, it turns out it is a piece of the sky: The sky is falling. The movie then wittily finds a way to morph into a fabulous parody of "War of the Worlds," possibly a bit intense in parts for the smallest of beings. The animators are fabulous and full of mischief, weaving enough ironic amusements into the story for the longer of tooth. (SH)

**THE CONSTANT GARDENER** (R, 123 minutes) Vivid performances drive Brazilian director Fernando Meirelles' fine adaptation of the John Le Carre novel. Justin Quaye (Ralph Fiennes), a mild-mannered junior diplomat in Kenya, is shattered when his wife, Tessa (Rachel Weisz), is violently murdered on a "research trip" far up country. He learns quickly enough that Tessa had acquired a "reputation" in the tight world of British diplomacy. The movie chronicles Justin's growth as

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he begins to understand what sort of a woman he had married. The quick evocations of diplomatic life and corporate dealings are splendidly done. (SH)

**DERAILED** (R, 120 minutes) This film is fast, slick, stupid, violent fun and, despite the cynically high body count, without serious intention in this world. It is set in motion when Charlie (Clive Owen) has an affair with Lucinda (Jennifer Aniston), whom he has met on a train. They're trysting the night away when suddenly feral man enters, in the form of Philippe Laroche (Vincent Cassel). He pistol-whips Charlie, rapes Lucinda, takes money, credit cards, cell phones, dignity and any sense of the universe as rational. Then Philippe calls Charlie:

He wants money. What can Charlie do? Eventually, the movie waltzes toward the absurd, the unbelievable, then veering back toward some sort of just-marginal believability. Your connection to it is likely to be determined by your ability to suspend disbelief. (SH)

**DREAMER: INSPIRED BY A TRUE STORY** (PG, 98 minutes) This horse-race drama, in which young Cale Crane (Dakota Fanning) nurses a wounded horse back to racing shape, harnesses the Rules of Cute and Fuzzy Horse Movies (temporary setbacks, underdog horses, stand-up-and-cheer moments) and rides them all the way to the Breeders' Cup. But will her formerly hobbled horse win, despite the terrible odds, when Cale has staked all her hopes and dreams into that special horse (named Dreamer)? Writer-director John Gatins and his actors also fulfill the engaging-family requirement. (DT)

**THE DYING GAUL** (R, 101 minutes) This



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**PRIDE, PREJUDICE AND FINE HABERDASHERY:** Matthew Macfadyen and Simon Woods play suitors—one subtle, one eager—for Elizabeth Bennet's dainty hand.

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**FLIGHTPLAN** (PG-13, 88 minutes) A small child disappears on a jumbo jet, with all



**HOME, LAND DEFENSE:** Maria Bello must protect her family in David Cronenberg's "The History of Violence."

sorts of compartments, bays and hidey-holes for a little kid to crawl into, and the movie gives viewers the impression of being on that plane as Jodie Foster — playing the girl's desperate mother, who may or may not be mentally unhinged — tries to lead her fellow passengers in a search. Striking just the right balance between claustrophobia and terrifying emptiness, director Robert Schwentke ratchets up the tension with good taste and quiet, unfussy skill. It all falls apart with the Big Reveal. (AH)

**THE 40-YEAR-OLD VIRGIN** (R, 111 minutes) Filthy, funny and sweet in equal measure, the feature directorial debut of writer-producer Judd Apatow is a Rob Schneider movie with the soul of a chick flick. That's not actually fair. While it's true that the comedy — revolving around the efforts of three friends (Paul Rudd, Romany Malco and Seth Rogen) to get

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their geeky nice-guy co-worker (Steve Carell) deflowered — has a lot of smutty humor, it's also pretty smart. In the end, the organ it's really all about exercising is the human heart. (MO)

**GET RICH OR DIE TRYIN'** (R, 134 minutes) Rap star 50 Cent has led a storied life: Born Curtis Jackson and reared in Queens, New York, Jackson never knew his father and lost his mother, a drug dealer, when he was only 8. Later he became a dealer himself, until deciding, in the mid-'90s, to pursue a career as a rapper. His first record was about to hit the streets in 2000 when Jackson was gunned down; he survived and went on to make headlines, not only for his infectious beats and lyrics, but for his frequent brushes with the



**THE END OF THE AFFAIR:** Clive Owen and Jennifer Aniston play straying commuters with really bad luck in "Derailed."

a horde of hoodlums, the movie's really about our Pavlovian conditioning to violence. How did an unassuming diner owner dispatch the gunmen so effortlessly? Why do more gangsters keep coming for him? Ultimately, Cronenberg's drama isn't about Western-style heroism; it's about why we're cheering when Tom plugs them dead. (DT)

**IN HER SHOES** (PG-13, 131 minutes) In a pedestrian display of opposites, Rose (Toni Colette) has a law firm career, money and smarts but few men. Party girl Maggie (Cameron Diaz) lands the guys but always ends up drunk, penniless and miserable on Rose's sofa. When Maggie casually steals Rose's smooth-operator boss, Jim (Richard Burgi), sisterly tension becomes official breakup. The women branch off into self-discovery subplots. When the sisters meet again, it's not a harmonic convergence. It's just the end of 131 minutes. (DT)

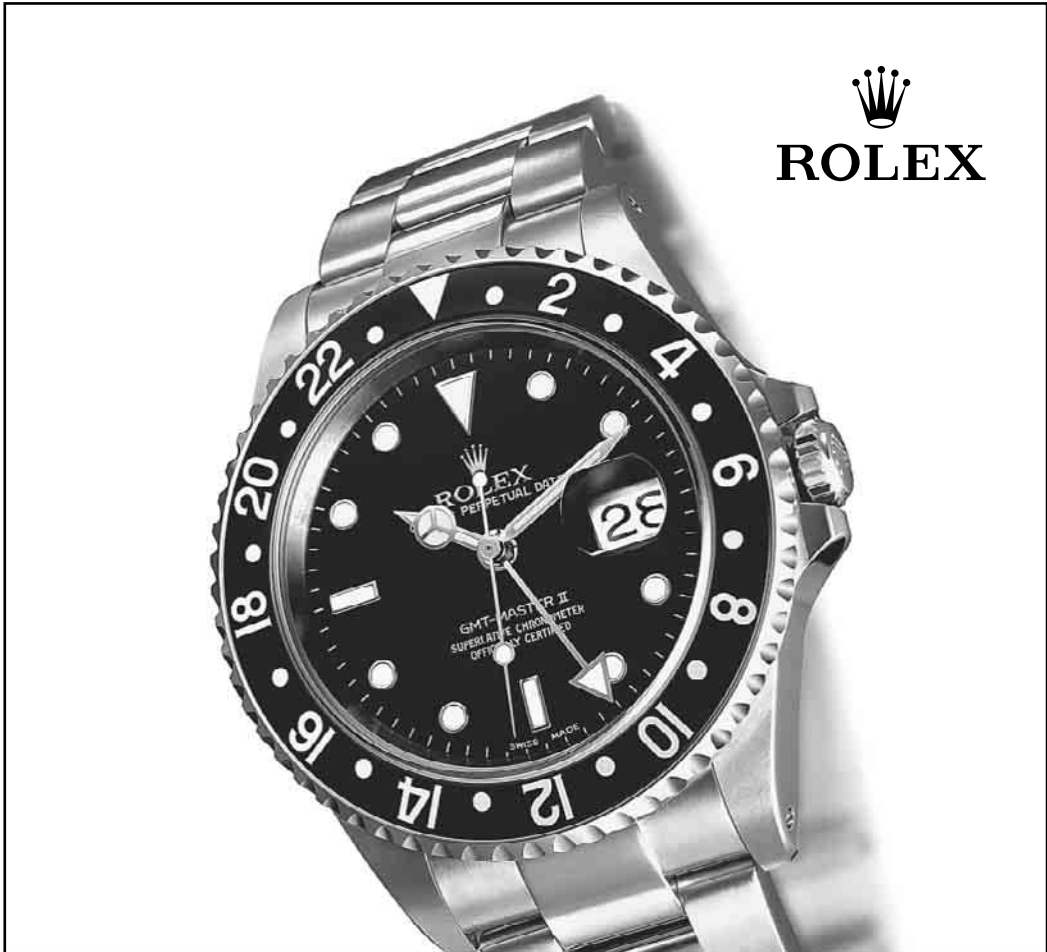
**JARHEAD** (R, 120 minutes) Set in 1991 during the first Gulf War, this movie is a kind of lightweight variation on Stanley Kubrick's "Full Metal Jacket," with its evocation of the institution known as the United States Marine Corps, its love of the profane poetry of sergeants and the bond felt by young men locked in a common ordeal. It's a portrait of Swofford and his band of gyrene broth-

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law. Good stuff and ripe for the cinematic telling, but 50 Cent's fictionalized life story is shockingly inert. (AH)

**GOOD NIGHT, AND GOOD LUCK** (PG-13, 93 minutes) George Clooney, who directed and co-wrote, retells the story of crusading journalist Ed Murrow, who stood up to braying political bully Joe McCarthy. The stylizations of '50s TV drama, including black-and-white cinematography, are terrific. Clooney casts himself as Murrow's producer, Fred W. Friendly, but hardly registers. Neither do any of the other CBS minions, even though they're played by such names as Jeff Daniels, Robert Downey Jr. and Patricia Clarkson. Only two people register, David Strathairn as Murrow and Joe McCarthy as Joe McCarthy. Strathairn dominates the movie with furious intelligence, guts, will and nobility. (SH)

**GOSPEL** (PG, 105 minutes) David Taylor (Boris Kodjoe), a successful, egotistical R&B star, returns to his estranged father, Pastor Fred Taylor (Clifton Powell), to find him suffering from a terminal illness. Not only that, David's longtime enemy Frank (Idris Elba) is poised to assume the bishop's duties. Should David return to his music life or deal with more urgent matters? Intended for gospel and faith-appreciating audiences, this is a movie about the struggles for virtuousness in a world of temptation and compromise. Unfortunately, Rob Hardy's writing and directing don't soar quite as high as his spiritual intentions. (DT)

**A HISTORY OF VIOLENCE** (R, 95 minutes) David Cronenberg's film has a hidden and powerful purpose. Seemingly a mainstream shoot-'em-up flick, in which the soft-spoken Tom Stall (Viggo Mortensen) defends his family against



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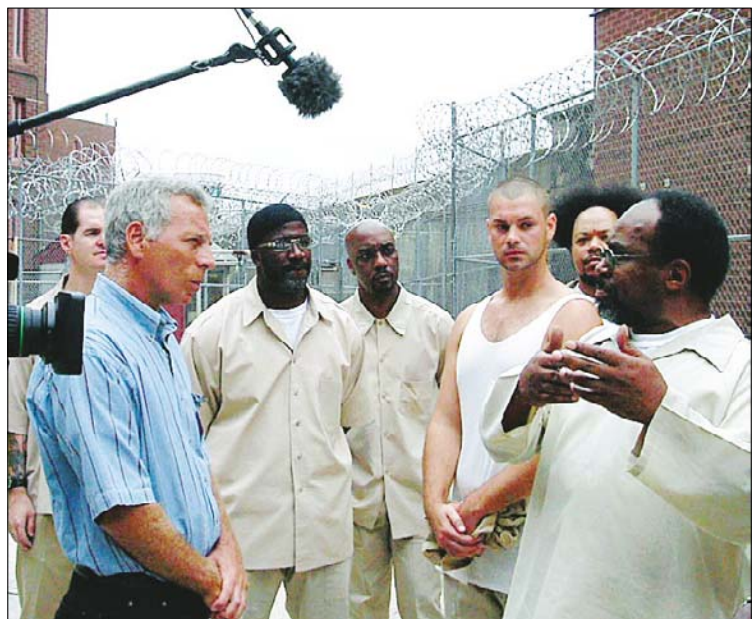
ers, wandering haplessly around, looking for action while trying to overcome the soldier's truest enemy, ennui. Jake Gyllenhaal plays "Swoff," as he's called, and what's so good about the movie is Gyllenhaal's refusal to show off; he doesn't seem jealous of the camera's attention when it goes to others and is content, for long stretches, to serve simply as a prism through which other young men can be observed. (SH)

**THE LEGEND OF ZORRO** (PG, 130 minutes) It's seven years since the original "Mask of Zorro" made Catherine Zeta-Jones a star and Hollywood royalty in the same breath, and nobody connected with this film really wants to revisit the initial triumph. So they don't. They pretend to make a Zorro film, when they're really mak-

on the verge of an affair; and a radiant Glenn Close, whose vignette, the movie's final scene, delivers a quietly devastating blow. (AH)

**NORTH COUNTRY** (R, 130 minutes) Charlize Theron, as a fictionalized version of the first woman to file a sexual harassment lawsuit in the United States, proves her acting chops yet again in an engrossing, well-crafted story of a grave injustice avenged. This drama tells the story of Josey Aimes (Theron), a young woman who flees an abusive marriage with two kids in tow and takes a well-paying job at one of the mines in Minnesota's bleak Mesabi Iron Range, where the women are routinely groped, verbally abused and physically threatened, culminating. (AH)

**PARADISE NOW** (Unrated, 94 minutes) This movie takes you behind the terrible curtain of terrorism to find, not too surprisingly, that human beings live there.



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ing what feels like a sequel to the dreadful big-screen version of "The Wild, Wild West." There's just a nonsense plot and too many action sequences of no consequence. What a waste of talent, time and money. And guess what else? It's also really long! (SH)

**NINE LIVES** (R, 115 minutes) Writer-director Rodrigo Garcia's new film finds nine women in extremis, all facing various versions of mortality. In tight, sharply written scenes, each a continuous take lasting between 10 and 14 minutes, they come to terms with death, loss, connection and continuity. The moments that Garcia has chosen to observe are unforgettable, the women indelible, including Robin Wright Penn as a onetime party girl who runs into a former lover at an L.A. supermarket; Sissy Spacek as a wife and mother

Palestinian director Hany Abu-Assad focuses on the humanity of two likable West Bank auto mechanics, Said (Kais Nashief) and Khaled (Ali Suliman), who are informed, with only 24 hours' notice, that God has chosen them to obliterate themselves and as many bystanders as they can take with them. Their mission is assigned with such religious reverence, the would-be bombers are hard-pressed to think of their fate as anything but glorious. The audience is lured into discomfiting empathy for Said and Khaled, especially when things start going horribly awry. This movie may not change anyone's ideology, but it should convince some that people are pretty much the same on either side of the holy fence. (PT)

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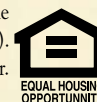
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# Weekend | Entertainment



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**THE GREAT OUTDOORS:** George Zoritch (in Valsav Nijinsky's iconic role in "L'après midi d'un faune") is remembered in the documentary "Ballets Russes."

## Now Playing

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**PRIDE & PREJUDICE** (PG, 128 minutes) This version of Jane Austen's fabled story, in which Lizzie Bennet and Mr. Darcy begin as fiery opponents and end up as married lovers, is not quite the taming of a shrew, because in Austen's worldview, leading ladies of beauty and wit weren't shrews and never had to be tamed, but merely loved and respected, and good things would follow. That's the main trajectory of this film, starring Keira Knightley as Elizabeth and Matthew MacFadyen as the initially dour, snotty Mr. Darcy. Knightley takes control of a scene, radiating power and personality unto the rafters. It's a great performance. (SH)

**PRIME** (PG-13, 105 minutes) This romance, starring Meryl Streep, Uma Thurman and Bryan Greenberg, follows a familiar boy-meets-girl scenario, but filmmaker Ben Younger turns the routine into combustible fun. That's why, for instance, the two lovers in our story are the thirtysomething Rafi (Thurman), who can hear the baby clock ticking, and the 23-year-old David (Greenberg), whose idea of a good time is playing Nintendo. It's also why Rafi talks openly about her romantic issues with a therapist, Lisa (Streep), who happens to be David's very devout Jewish mom. (DT)

**PROTOCOLS OF ZION** (Unrated, 93 minutes) "The Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion," written in the late 19th or early 20th century, is a fraudulent document purporting to be written by a group of Jews laying out a plan for Jewish world domination, but "the lie

that won't die" lives on, inspiring filmmaker Marc Levin to examine just how far the Protocols have informed and infiltrated the culture. Taking his camera into the streets of New York and beyond, Levin begins a series of conversations, many of which would be amusing were they not so appalling. However, in going to such great lengths to correct the racists, bigots and haters of the world, he gives them way too much credit. (AH)

**SAW II** (R, 91 minutes) We have eight folks trapped inside a grim house, all raging at one another as if this is some reality TV show gone criminally insane. They must negotiate their way through deadly booby traps to get out before they succumb to the noxious gas flowing through the vents. Their only escape clues come from pre-recorded tapes made by Jigsaw, who gamely suggests they collaborate. Fans of the first "Saw" can look forward to involuntary incineration, wrist and throat slashing, bullets through brains and the bashing of someone's head with a nail-festooned club. (DT)

**SHOPGIRL** (R, 105 minutes) Deft but slight, the new Steve Martin film is a case of precise observation of nothing. From Martin's own screenplay, based on his own novella and directed by Anand Tucker, the movie watches listlessly as old rich guy Ray Porter (Martin) begins a pointless, clearly doomed affair with shopgirl Mirabelle Buttersfield (Claire Danes), who sells gloves at Saks in Beverly Hills. Slight age diff: He's fiftysomething, she's twentysomething. Is this harmless or a species of child abuse? On this issue, as on many others, the movie is silent. It's a film concerned with cool surfaces, with getting things right, particularly clothes and fashion accoutrements. (SH)

# Entertainment | Weekend



**GO BACK TWO OUTER SPACES:** In the charming "Zathura," two young brothers find themselves on an outer-space adventure thanks to an amiable astronaut and a board game. The film uses modern gimmicks to endorse old-fashioned family magic.

## Now Playing

**THE SQUID AND THE WHALE** (R, 81 minutes) Set in Brooklyn in 1986, this movie is piercing and forthright. When Bernard (Jeff Daniels) and Joan (Laura Linney) Berkman inform their children, 16-year-old Walt (Jesse Eisenberg) and 12-year-old Frank (Owen Kline), they're getting a divorce, it's the beginning of an emotional whirlwind for four very different people. The movie is so brutally honest at times, you can almost sense the real Baumbachs squirming, twitching, tut-tutting and maybe even nodding their heads. Whatever their reaction, this story doesn't just belong to them anymore. This richly observed, sometimes heartbreaking movie has become ours, too. (DT)

**USHPIZIN** (PG, 90 minutes) Ushpizin is Hebrew for "visitors," specifically friends and strangers who may need shelter and sustenance during the Jewish holiday of Sukkot. That weeklong autumn festival is the setting for this comic drama, about an Orthodox rabbi named Moshe (Shuli Rand) who lives with his wife, Malli (Michal Bat-Sheva Rand), in Jerusalem. The couple is just scraping by while they pray for a son. By twists of fate and faith, their prayers are answered — sort of — in the form of two unexpected visitors. As cozy and inviting as the small booth

that Moshe and Malli build to celebrate the Israelites' exodus from Egypt, the film offers a warm, intimate glimpse of Orthodox Jewish life. (AH)

**WALLACE & GROMIT: THE CURSE OF THE WERE-RABBIT** (G, 85 minutes) Directed by animators Nick Park and Steve Box, the feature film debut of Wallace and Gromit opens with the dotty English inventor and his quietly superior dog working at yet another ingenious business called Anti-Pesto, which humanely removes four-legged creatures from their town's vegetable gardens. Things are just swell until one of Wallace's schemes goes awry, and the gardens are soon being vandalized by the King Kong of rabbits. Gromit, who might be the most expressive silent movie star since Buster Keaton, is pure magic. (AH)

**THE WEATHER MAN** (R, 100 minutes) Weatherman Dave Spitz (Nicolas Cage) may be an adult, but, existentially speaking, this guy's in diapers. Delivering the forecast in the Windy City means a lot of high-spirited patter about the degrees of misery Chicagoans can expect each day, but in the meantime he's trying to make sense of a disastrous personal life. Then there are his relationships with his recently divorced wife, Noreen (Hope Davis), and two teenage children to round off his failings. The film shines the light on a special kind of heroism — the guts to face up to yourself and make

changes. (DT)

**WEDDING CRASHERS** (R, 119 minutes) Jeremy (Vince Vaughn) and John (Owen Wilson) are scoundrels who crash weddings so they can score with women, in this often-funny caper. But when they attend a big-time Washington wedding party, things change: They each fall for one of the host's daughters (Isla Fisher and Rachel McAdams). Vaughn is definitely the best man in this wedding comedy. (DT)

**ZATHURA** (PG, 102 minutes) Based on the book by Chris Van Allsburg, this movie introduces us to 6-year-old Danny (Jonah Bobo) and 10-year-old Walter (Josh Hutcherson). One day when his father is at work, Danny discovers Zathura, an old-fashioned board game with a windup key, a "Go" button and a miniature spaceship. That little spaceship springs to life and — ding! — up pops a card with a message: "Meteor Shower — Take Evasive Action." The movie has an almost antique charm, which recalls the 1950s sci-fi movies in which actors in silver suits pretended to be aliens. This gives "Zathura" an appealing, childlike sense of wonder. (DT)



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## An NBC remake of 'Poseidon Adventure' blames the terrorists

**TV MOVIE** | It's official: Alex Kingston wins the sweeps stunt-casting award of 2005. The former "ER" regular was recently seen in "Without a Trace" and now joins the star-studded cast of the 2005 disaster movie remake "The Poseidon Adventure" (Sun., 8 p.m., NBC).

It takes a lot of gall to remake "Poseidon," the soggy mother of all disaster films and a memorably cheesy one at that. Worse, this new one can't decide what kind of film it wants to be. Is it a campy homage to the ensemble casting

of vintage disaster fare? Or is it a modern thriller set in our present terror-stricken times? This 21st century "Poseidon" also has to compete with our memories of the original film, as well as "Titanic," "The Love Boat," "Speed 2" and all those dreadful Carnival Cruise commercials with Kathie Lee Gifford.

This remake unfolds with no deliberate speed, wasting a solid hour with a turgid backstory about terrorists and a go-nowhere tale about Richard (Steve Guttenberg!), a henpecked writer. His rich wife (Alexa Hamilton, "Santa Barbara") makes him feel rotten, so he embarks on an affair with the Poseidon's shapely masseuse. There's also an annoying

story about Richard's precocious son, a would-be Steven Spielberg who documents everything with his video camera.

Only when the terrorists strike and the ship turns upside down does "Poseidon" get remotely interesting. The expensive-looking special effects create a realistic vision of havoc. But the film's languid pace seems entirely at odds with its characters' motivation to get the heck off of a sinking ship as quickly as possible. And while the 1972 "Poseidon" was merely a metaphor for disaster, this film's central theme of terror and survival hits a little closer to home after the events of Sept. 11, 2001. **KEVIN MCDONOUGH** (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

## DeVito Will Return to 'Sunny' TV

**GUEST STARS** | Danny DeVito — who hasn't starred in a TV series since "Taxi" ended its run in 1983 — will return to the small screen next year in the FX comedy "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia."

"Getting the news from FX that

our show got a second season pickup was fantastic," said series creator Rob McElhenney in a statement Wednesday. "Getting the news that Danny has signed on to co-star feels like we just hit the lottery."

DeVito will play a retiree who has moved back to Philadelphia to spend time with his children.

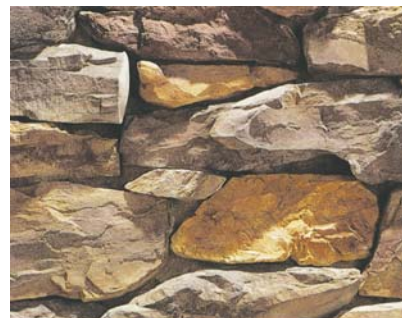
The series' second season is set to debut in June. DeVito, 61, will co-star in all 10 episodes. He will be able to shoot his scenes within a period of 10 to 15 days, the network said. (AP)



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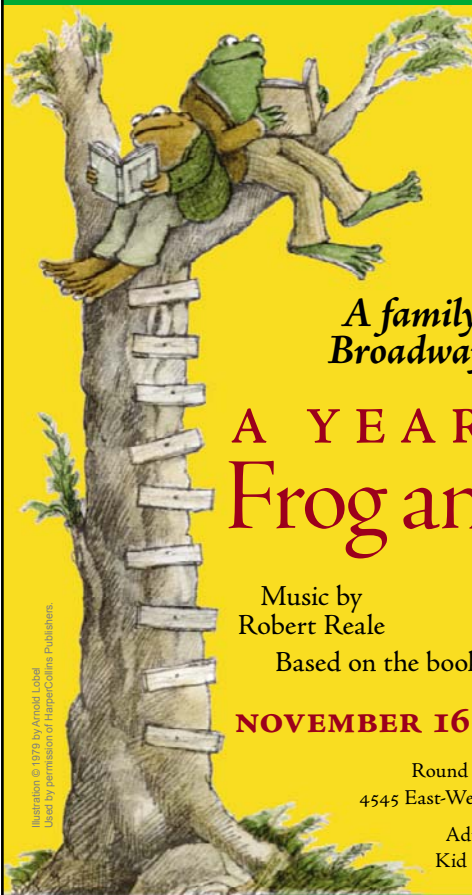
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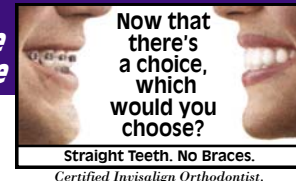
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11:00, 12:00, 1:00, 1:45, 2:45, 3:45, 4:45, 6:30, 7:30, 8:30, 9:00, 10:15, 11:15, 12:15  
**HARRY POTTER AND THE GOBLET OF FIRE (PG13)** ✓  
1:45, 9:00  
**WALK THE LINE (PG13)** ✓  
12:15, 1:15, 3:30, 4:30, 7:00, 8:00, 10:30, 11:30  
**BEE SEASON (PG13)** ✓  
11:40, 2:10, 4:50, 7:35, 10:10  
**DERAILED (R)** ✓  
11:25, 1:55, 4:35, 7:20, 10:00, 12:20  
**PRIDE & PREJUDICE (PG)** ✓  
12:45, 4:00, 7:15, 10:25  
**ZATHURA (PG)** ✓  
11:10, 1:35, 4:15, 7:10, 9:45, 12:10  
**CHICKEN LITTLE (G)** 11:20, 12:20, 1:10, 1:40, 2:40, 3:40, 4:20, 5:20, 6:40, 7:40, 10:20  
**JARHEAD (R)** 11:05, 2:00, 4:55, 8:05, 11:05, 12:30  
**JARHEAD (R)** 12:30 AM  
**THE LEGEND OF ZORRO (PG)** 11:15, 5:15, 8:15, 11:20  
**SAW II (R)** 5:50, 8:10, 10:35  
**DREAMER (PG)** 2:15  
**GOOD NIGHT, AND GOOD LUCK (PG)** 11:45, 2:35, 5:00, 7:45, 10:05  
**NORTH COUNTRY (R)** 9:05 PM, 12:25 AM  
**IN HER SHOES (PG13)** 5:25  
**IN HER SHOES (PG13)** 5:25

### HOFFMANN CENTER 22

Eisenhower Ave and Telegraph Road in Alexandria  
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**HARRY POTTER AND THE GOBLET OF FIRE (PG13)** ✓  
10:30, 11:15, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 2:45, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 6:15, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 9:45, 10:30, 11:30, 12:30  
**WALK THE LINE (PG13)** ✓  
12:45, 1:45, 4:15, 5:00, 7:30, 8:30, 10:40, 11:45  
**WALK THE LINE (PG13)** 12:45, 4:15, 7:30, 10:40  
**DERAILED (R)** ✓  
1:15, 4:20, 7:10, 9:40, 12:15  
**KISS KISS, BANG BANG (R)** ✓  
1:00, 3:50, 6:50, 10:00  
**ZATHURA (PG)** ✓  
11:50, 1:20, 2:20, 4:05, 4:55, 6:40, 7:45, 9:20  
**GET RICH OR DIE TRYIN' (R)** ✓  
7:35, 8:15, 9:45, 10:25, 11:15, 12:30  
**CHICKEN LITTLE (G)** 11:20, 12:15, 12:50, 1:40, 2:40, 3:30, 4:00, 5:15, 6:00, 7:40, 8:20, 9:55  
**JARHEAD (R)** 12:30, 3:35, 6:30, 9:35, 10:20, 12:25  
**SHOPGIRL (R)** 11:15, 1:50, 4:45, 7:20, 9:55, 12:25  
**THE LEGEND OF ZORRO (PG)** 11:30, 2:40, 5:45, 8:45, 11:55  
**PRIME (PG13)** 2:35, 5:10, 7:55, 10:25  
**SAW II (R)** 11:35, 1:55, 4:35, 6:55, 9:25, 11:50  
**THE WEATHER MAN (R)** 11:35 AM  
**GOOD NIGHT, AND GOOD LUCK (PG)** 12:00, 2:30, 4:50, 7:25, 9:50  
**CAPOTE (R)** ✓  
11:40, 2:25, 5:05, 7:50, 10:35  
**FLIGHTPLAN (PG13)** 11:50 PM

### UNION STATION 9

Located at Union Station  
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**HARRY POTTER AND THE GOBLET OF FIRE (PG13)** ✓  
11:15, 12:00, 2:45, 3:30, 6:15, 7:00, 9:45, 10:30  
**WALK THE LINE (PG13)** ✓  
12:50, 4:10, 7:20, 10:20  
**WALK THE LINE (PG13)** 12:50, 4:10, 7:20, 10:20  
**DERAILED (R)** ✓  
12:05, 2:40, 5:00, 7:40, 10:10  
**ZATHURA (PG)** ✓  
12:20, 2:50, 5:30, 7:50, 10:25  
**GET RICH OR DIE TRYIN' (R)** ✓  
12:45, 4:00, 7:15, 8:00, 10:00, 10:35  
**CHICKEN LITTLE (G)** 12:30, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:35  
**JARHEAD (R)** 1:15, 4:15, 7:45, 10:30  
**THE LEGEND OF ZORRO (PG)** 1:30, 4:45

### COLUMBIA MALL 14

10300 Patuxent Parkway  
410-423-0520

**HARRY POTTER AND THE GOBLET OF FIRE (PG13)** 10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 1:45, 2:45, 3:45, 6:15, 7:15, 8:15, 10:00, 10:45, 11:45  
**WALK THE LINE (PG13)** 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:35, 10:40  
**DERAILED (R)** 10:45, 1:35, 4:10, 6:50, 9:40, 12:10  
**PRIDE & PREJUDICE (PG)** 12:55, 4:00, 7:00, 10:35  
**ZATHURA (PG)** 11:15, 2:05, 4:45, 7:25, 10:05  
**ZATHURA (PG)** 11:15, 2:05, 4:45, 7:25, 10:05  
**GET RICH OR DIE TRYIN' (R)** 12:40, 3:30, 6:30, 9:20  
**CHICKEN LITTLE (G)** 10:15, 11:30, 12:30, 2:15, 3:15, 4:35, 5:35, 7:10, 8:00, 10:15  
**JARHEAD (R)** 1:10, 4:05, 7:05, 10:30  
**THE LEGEND OF ZORRO (PG)** 1:15, 4:15, 7:20  
**PRIME (PG13)** 5:20, 10:20  
**SAW II (R)** 12:20, 2:50, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10  
**GOOD NIGHT, AND GOOD LUCK (PG)** 12:10, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:25  
**FLIGHTPLAN (PG13)** 9:30 PM, 12:00 AM

### SPRINGFIELD MALL 10

Loisdale and Franconia Road  
703-971-3991

**HARRY POTTER AND THE GOBLET OF FIRE (PG13)** 11:30, 12:00, 2:50, 3:30, 6:15, 7:00, 9:45, 10:30  
**WALK THE LINE (PG13)** 1:00, 4:10, 7:10, 10:15  
**DERAILED (R)** 1:00, 4:30, 7:40, 10:15  
**ZATHURA (PG)** 1:20, 4:30, 7:40, 10:00  
**GET RICH OR DIE TRYIN' (R)** 1:30, 4:20, 7:30, 10:20  
**CHICKEN LITTLE (G)** 12:30, 2:40, 4:50, 7:20, 9:30  
**JARHEAD (R)** 1:10, 4:15, 7:15, 10:10  
**THE LEGEND OF ZORRO (PG)** 12:45, 4:00, 7:00, 9:50  
**PRIME (PG13)** 1:45, 8:00  
**SAW II (R)** 4:45, 10:30

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**WALK THE LINE (PG13)** ✓  
4:00, 7:00, 9:55  
**ZATHURA (PG)** ✓  
4:40, 7:45, 10:05  
**ZATHURA (PG)** 4:40, 7:45, 10:05  
**JARHEAD (R)** 4:10, 7:15, 9:55  
**THE LEGEND OF ZORRO (PG)** 4:20, 9:55  
**PRIME (PG13)** 4:30, 7:30, 10:05  
**SAW II (R)** 4:50, 8:00, 10:15  
**DREAMER (PG)** 7:30

### POTOMAC MILLS 18

2700 Potomac Mills Circle, Ste 886  
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**HARRY POTTER AND THE GOBLET OF FIRE (PG13)** ✓  
11:00, 11:15, 12:00, 1:00, 2:45, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30, 6:15, 7:00, 7:40, 8:00, 9:45, 10:30, 11:00, 11:15  
**WALK THE LINE (PG13)** ✓  
12:30, 1:10, 3:40, 4:40, 7:10, 7:50, 9:55, 10:55  
**WALK THE LINE (PG13)** 1:10, 4:40, 7:50, 10:55  
**DERAILED (R)** ✓  
12:20, 3:00, 5:40, 8:20, 10:50  
**ZATHURA (PG)** ✓  
11:30, 12:50, 1:40, 3:20, 4:10, 7:20, 9:30  
**GET RICH OR DIE TRYIN' (R)** ✓  
12:15, 2:30, 3:50, 5:20, 6:30, 8:10, 9:20, 11:10  
**CHICKEN LITTLE (G)** 11:40, 12:10, 12:40, 1:50, 2:35, 3:15, 4:20, 5:00, 5:50, 6:40, 7:30, 8:50  
**JARHEAD (R)** 1:50, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15  
**SHOPGIRL (R)** 2:20, 5:30, 8:10, 10:45  
**THE LEGEND OF ZORRO (PG)** 12:45, 4:15, 7:15, 10:10  
**PRIME (PG13)** 8:15, 10:45  
**SAW II (R)** 2:10, 5:55, 8:25, 11:05  
**DREAMER (PG)** 11:00, 1:20

### MAZZA GALLERIE

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**WALK THE LINE (PG13)** 12:30, 1:00, 3:30, 4:00, 6:30, 7:00, 9:30, 10:00  
**WALK THE LINE (PG13)** 12:30, 3:30, 6:30, 9:30  
**GET RICH OR DIE TRYIN' (R)** 1:30, 4:15, 7:05, 7:25, 9:40, 10:15  
**CHICKEN LITTLE (G)** 12:45, 1:15, 2:45, 3:15, 4:45, 5:15, 7:00, 7:30, 9:15, 9:45  
**PRIME (PG13)** 12:15, 2:35, 5:00, 7:35, 9:55  
**DREAMER (PG)** 12:00, 2:25, 4:50

### COURTHOUSE PLAZA 8

Courthouse and Birch Rd.  
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**HARRY POTTER AND THE GOBLET OF FIRE (PG13)** ✓  
11:15, 12:00, 2:45, 3:30, 6:15, 7:00, 9:45, 10:30  
**DERAILED (R)** ✓  
12:40, 3:10, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45  
**ZATHURA (PG)** ✓  
12:30, 2:50, 5:15, 7:50, 10:15  
**GET RICH OR DIE TRYIN' (R)** ✓  
12:50, 4:00, 7:20, 10:10  
**PRIME (PG13)** 12:20, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:05  
**THE WEATHER MAN (R)** 12:10, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00  
**GOOD NIGHT, AND GOOD LUCK (PG)** 1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 10:20

### ACADEMY 8

Beltway Plaza on Greenbelt Rd., Center Court  
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12:30, 4:00, 7:20, 10:30  
**WALK THE LINE (PG13)** ✓  
1:00, 4:10, 7:10, 10:20  
**DERAILED (R)** ✓  
1:40, 5:00, 7:40, 10:10  
**ZATHURA (PG)** ✓  
12:50, 3:10, 5:30, 8:00, 10:20  
**GET RICH OR DIE TRYIN' (R)** ✓  
1:30, 4:40, 7:40, 10:30  
**CHICKEN LITTLE (G)** 12:40, 3:00, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50  
**JARHEAD (R)** 1:20, 4:30, 7:20, 10:10  
**THE LEGEND OF ZORRO (PG)** 1:10, 4:20  
**SAW II (R)** 7:50, 10:00

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1:30, 4:05, 7:05, 9:50  
**USHPZIN (PG)**  
1:40, 4:25, 7:25, 9:35  
**BALLET RUSSSES (NR)**  
1:35, 4:15, 7:15, 9:45  
**THE SQUID AND THE WHALE (R)**  
2:10, 4:45, 7:40, 9:55  
**PRIDE & PREJUDICE (PG)**  
1:25, 4:10, 7:00, 9:40  
**GOOD NIGHT AND GOOD LUCK (PG)**  
1:45, 4:00, 7:10, 9:25  
**SHOPGIRL (R)**  
2:05, 4:40, 7:30, 10:05

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3:45, 7:00, 9:55  
**WALK THE LINE (PG-13)** 4:15, 7:10, 9:45  
**ZATHURA (PG)** 4:30, 7:15, 9:35  
**GET RICH OR DIE TRYIN' (R)** 4:45, 7:20, 9:40  
**CHICKEN LITTLE (G)** 5:10, 7:20, 9:20

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**HARRY POTTER AND THE GOBLET OF FIRE (PG-13)** 11:30, 2:30, 5:30, 8:30  
**ZATHURA (PG)** 11:40, 1:45, 3:50, 6:00, 8:10  
**GET RICH OR DIE TRYIN' (R)** 12:20, 2:50, 5:15, 7:40, 10:00  
**SAW II (R)** 11:45, 1:45, 3:45, 5:45, 7:45, 9:45  
**THE GOSPEL (PG)** 12:30, 2:40, 4:50  
**JARHEAD (R)** 7:00, 9:30  
**CHICKEN LITTLE (G)** 11:50, 1:40, 3:30, 5:20, 7:10, 9:00

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**ZATHURA (PG)** 12:45, 3:00, 5:10, 7:25, 9:35  
**CHICKEN LITTLE (G)** 1:00, 3:10, 5:00, 7:10, 9:15

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\***WALK THE LINE (PG-13)**  
11:50, 12:50, 3:20, 4:20, 6:50, 7:50, 9:50, 10:50  
\***GET RICH OR DIE TRYIN' (R)**  
1:00, 2:00, 4:05, 4:55, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00, 11:00  
\***ZATHURA (PG)**  
11:35, 12:30, 2:35, 3:20, 5:10, 7:05, 8:00, 9:50, 10:40  
\***DERAILED (R)**  
12:40, 4:10, 7:35, 10:40  
\***CHICKEN LITTLE (G)**  
11:15, 12:15, 1:30, 2:45, 3:45, 5:00, 6:30, 7:30, 9:15, 9:45  
**JARHEAD (R)**  
12:55, 3:55, 6:55, 9:55  
**SHOPGIRL (R)**  
11:55, 2:55, 7:05, 10:35  
**THE LEGEND OF ZORRO (PG)**  
12:20, 3:50, 7:20, 10:20  
**SAW II (R)**  
11:20, 2:05, 5:05, 8:05, 11:05  
**THE WEATHER MAN (R)**  
12:05, 3:35, 8:10, 11:10  
**PRIME (PG-13)**  
1:15, 4:30, 7:10, 10:10  
**WALLACE & GROMIT: THE CURSE OF THE WERE-RABBIT (G)**  
11:05, 1:25, 4:25  
**FLIGHTPLAN (PG-13)**  
7:25, 10:25

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**WALK THE LINE (PG-13)**  
12:50, 4:00, 7:10, 9:40  
**PRIDE & PREJUDICE (PG)**  
11:30, 2:10, 4:40, 7:30, 10:05  
**THE SQUID & THE WHALE (R)**  
12:40, 2:45, 5:10, 7:20, 9:15  
**CAPOTE (R)**  
12:00, 2:30, 5:05, 7:45, 10:10  
**GOOD NIGHT, AND GOOD LUCK (PG)**  
12:10, 2:15, 4:20, 8:00, 9:55

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**GOOD NIGHT AND GOOD LUCK (PG)**  
12:05, 2:20, 4:45, 7:15, 9:25  
**THE SQUID AND THE WHALE (R)**  
11:30, 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30  
**PRIDE & PREJUDICE (PG)**  
11:00, 1:35, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45  
**SHOPGIRL (R)**  
11:45, 2:25, 4:50, 7:20, 9:55  
**THE DYING GAUL (R)**  
11:50, 2:30, 4:55, 7:25, 9:50  
**BALLET RUSSSES (NR)**  
11:10, 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40  
**PROTOCOLS OF ZION (NR)**  
11:55, 2:15, 4:40, 7:05, 9:20

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	11:05.05	6:00 PM	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
LIVE CHANNELS	WRC 41	News		NBC Nightly News	Access Hollywood	Dateline NBC	The life and legacy of musician John Lennon. (N) 41			Law & Order: Criminal Intent		News	Tonight Show	
	WTTG 5	Seinfeld	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Seinfeld	Bernie Mac	Malcolm-Mid.	Killer Instinct	"Forget Me Not?" (N)	News		Geraldo at Large	Friends	
	WJLA 7	News	ABC Wild News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Supernanny (N) 41		Hope & Faith (N)	Hot Properties (N)	20/20		News	(35) Nightline	
	WUSA 9	News	CBS News	9News Tonight	Ent. Tonight	Ghost Whisperer	"Voices" (N) 41		Close to Home	"Double Life Wife" (N)	NUMB3RS	"In Plain Sight" (N) 41	News	Late Show
	WDCA 20	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	Friends	Every-Raymond	WWE Friday Night SmackDown!	WWE remembers Eddie Guerrero. (N) 41		The Tyra Banks Show	(N) 41		Girlfriends	Girlfriends	Girlfriends
	WMPT 22	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Business Rpt.	State Circle	Mystery!	"Inspector Morse IV" The death of an eminent scientist. (N) 41		NOW (N) 41	Jml Edit. Rpt	In Search of Myths and Heroes	Truth about the Queen of Sheba; King Arthur.	The Glenn Miller Spectacular		
	WETA 26	BBC World News	Business Rpt.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Moneywise	Evening Exch	To the Contrary	History Detectives		BBC World News	Tavis Smiley	Charlie Rose (N) 41		
	WHUT 32	White House	Tavis Smiley	BBC World News	Moneywise	Evening Exch	To the Contrary	History Detectives		BBC World News	Tavis Smiley	Charlie Rose (N) 41		
	WBDC 50	Steve Harvey	The Parkers	My Wife and Kids	Bernie Mac	What I Like	Reba "As Is" (N) 41	Reba "Invasion"	Twins (N) 41	Bernie Mac	My Wife and Kids	Sex and the City	Will & Grace	
	A&E	City Confidential		American Justice	"Night Stalker" (N) 41	Biography	"Brooke Shields" (N) 41	Biography	"Sandra Bullock" (N) 41	Biography	"Arthur Shawcross" (N) 41	American Justice		
Animal	The Crocodile Hunter Diaries		The Most Extreme	"Survivors" (N) 41	The Planet's Funniest Animals		Animal Report	North Shore	Animal Cops	Detroit	The Planet's Funniest Animals			
BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live		BET.com Count		"Belly" (1998, Drama) Nas, DMX, Taral Hicks.				Comicview		In Living Color	In Living Color		
Bravo	"To Wong Foo, Thanks!"		Inside the Actors Studio		*** "Chicago" (2002, Musical) Catherine Zeta-Jones, Renee Zellweger. Premiere.						*** "Chicago" (2002, Musical) Catherine Zeta-Jones.			
Comedy	Mad TV	Evan Marriott; Paul Hogan.	Beavis-Butt.	Reno 911!	Daily Show	Comedy Central Presents	Bill Burr.	Com.-Presents	Com.-Presents	Com.-Presents	Comedians	Premium Blend		
Court	Hollywood Heat	Masterminds	Cops "Pilot"	Cops	The Investigators	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Dunne: Power, Privilege & Justice			
Discovery	Human Prey		Lion Battlefield		Maneaters of T savo		I Shouldn't Be Alive	"Jaws of Death"	A Haunting	A house in Tucson, Ariz.	A Haunting	"Echoes From the Grave"		
DISCH	Paramedics	"Kansas City Blues"	Trauma: Life in the ER		Mormaid Baby		Diagnosis: Unknown	"Silent Poison"	Medical Incredible	"Birth Nightmare"	Mormaid Baby			
Disney	Kim Possible	Kim Possible	Kim Possible	Kim Possible (N)	*** "Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams" (2002) Antonio Banderas.		Zack & Cody	Sister, Sister	That's So Raven	That's So Raven				
E!	Tom Cruise	The life of the actor.	E! News (N)	E! News	101 Juiciest Hollywood Hookups		The Soup News.	Holiday Movies	Howard Stern	Howard Stern				
FX	King of the Hill	King of the Hill	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	Nip/Tuck	"Mamma Boon"			Nip/Tuck	"Kiki"		
HGTV	Wknd Warriors	Landscapers	Curb Appeal	House Hunters	Get Color (N)	Design Remix (N)	Double Take (N)	FreeStyle	Designer Finals	House Hunters	Dobbie Travis' Facelift			
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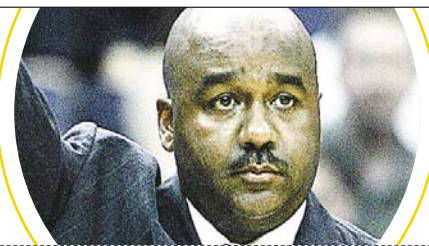
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# Cheers to Norv

5 years later, Turner returns to D.C. while on Oakland's hot seat

**REDSKINS** | Ninety-one-thousand and change will pack FedEx Field this weekend, making it — among other things — the largest bar on the East coast.

But don't expect a chorus of "Norv!" when the Raiders walk through the tunnel Sunday afternoon — especially from the group in the owner's suite.

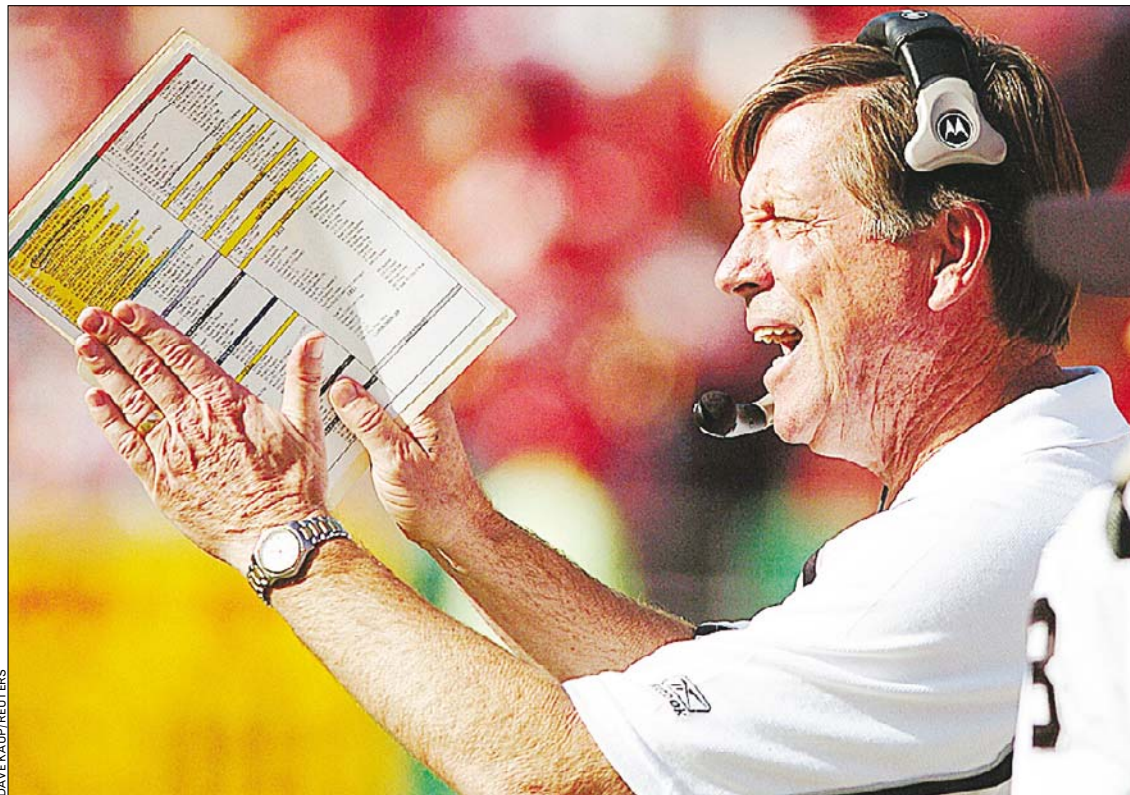
Daniel Snyder went on a spending spree before the 2000 season, then said cheers to Turner when the team produced just seven wins in the first 13 games of the season.

Little has changed for either man five years later.

Turner's Redskins were 7-6 when he left town. Washington (5-4) hasn't won more than eight games in a season since.

"I wouldn't be truthful if I said [I hadn't thought about what my reaction will be when I return to Washington]," Turner said. "You spend seven years in an organization and the last four were in that stadium. We had some great times."

Turner — the last coach to lead the Redskins to the playoffs — is again on the hot seat.



**ON THE HOUSE:** Norv Turner was fired with a 7-6 record in Washington five years ago. Now he makes his return to FedEx Field.

**"I heard what sounded like a shotgun going off — Pow! Pow! — and I felt this excruciating pain."**

Joe Theismann recalls the unforgettable sack that ended his career 20 years ago | **Today in Sports**

**IN The Washington Post**

His Raiders (3-6) are coming off back-to-back losses to AFC West foes. New acquisition Randy Moss (629 receiving yards, five touchdowns) displayed quiet displeasure toward the coach in an ESPN interview this week. Meanwhile, it's a perpetual happy hour for the opposition when Oakland's defense is

on the field.

On the other side of the bar, Joe Gibbs spent the aftermath of a 36-35 loss to Tampa Bay deriding the officials (and then calling the league to apologize) over botched calls he felt cost the 'Skins against the Bucs.

Of course, the defense surren-

## 3 BURNING QUESTIONS

- **Which Moss Will Make a Big Play?** Santana is having a career year in D.C., while Oakland's Randy hasn't made the impact the Raiders hoped for.
- **Can They Get a Grip?** The Redskins have fumbled nine times in the last three games, losing five of them.
- **Who's Motivated?** Oakland (3-6) is out, while Washington (5-4) is just down. The Redskins need to win every game they're favored in to make the playoffs.

dering 340 yards (including 279 through the air), might have had something to do with the loss. The offense's two first-half turnovers that created short fields and led to a pair of Tampa Bay touchdowns hurt a little bit, too.

Knock off one big mistake, and the Redskins enter this weekend's match-up tied for the NFC East lead.

"The things that still concern us are defensively giving up the ... big pass plays," Gibbs said. "On offense, we turned the ball over, which is something that haunted us."

Assuming the offense can hold on to the ball and approach last week's productivity, the Redskins' defense still has a challenge in stopping the Raiders' passing game, which can still put up stats even if it's not creating wins. Oakland averages 249 passing yards per game (sixth in the NFL) and QB Kerry Collins has only been picked off six times in 333 attempts. ERIC BRANDNER

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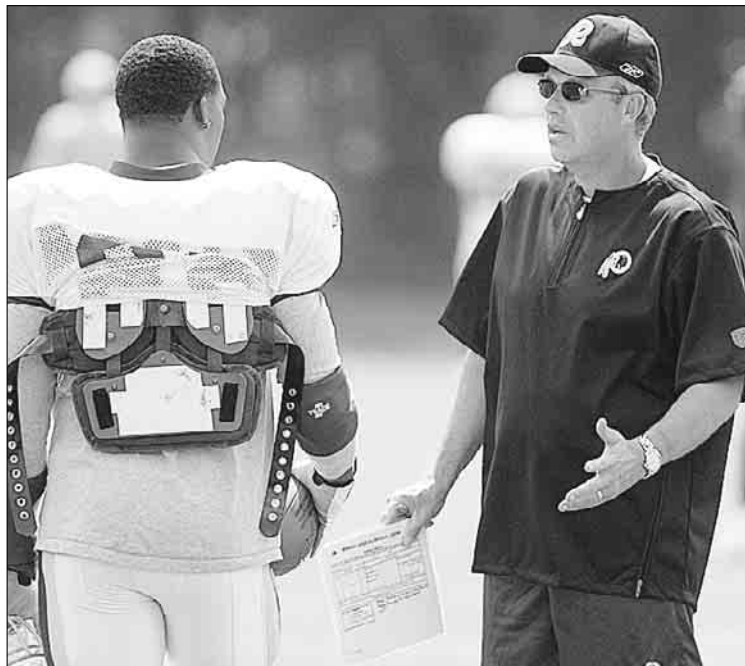
Redskins struggle to force sacks as the blitz gets burned for scores

**REDSKINS** | The Washington Redskins tried only one jail-break, all-out blitz in their loss to Tampa Bay, and they paid the price when inexperienced quarterback Chris Simms completed a 46-yard pass to little-used receiver Edell Shepherd.

The play set up a tying touchdown in the third quarter. Rookie cornerback Carlos Rogers was the beaten defender, and Gregg Williams was the frustrated defensive coach.

"It's one of those cases where I've got to recap my teeth as I grind them to a nub," Williams said.

Williams coaches an aggressive game, but aggression hasn't



Defensive guru Gregg Williams, right, is taking responsibility for the team's inability to get sacks while giving up big plays. He next faces Oakland's offense Sunday.

## REDSKINS NOTES:

- WR David Patten saw a specialist Thursday for his sprained knee and might need surgery.
- S Sean Taylor (ankle) returned to practice and was upgraded to probable.
- RB Ladell Betts (knee) remains questionable, as does DT Cornelius Griffin (hip).

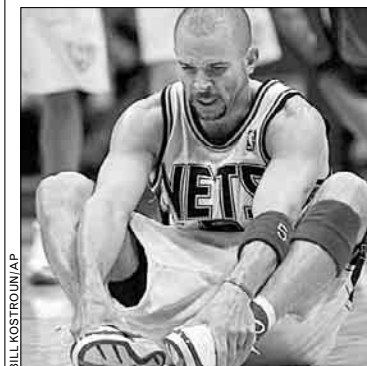
equaled production this year. The Redskins have only 14 sacks and four interceptions.

The Redskins got burned again on the Bucs' final touchdown when cornerback Shawn Springs blitzed, leaving Walt Harris in an unsuccessful matchup in the end zone with Shepherd. Shepherd caught the pass, and Tampa Bay converted the 2-point conversion to win 36-35.

Williams said Thursday he would not change the way he played that final drive. His solution is that he needs to coach his players better.

JOSEPH WHITE (AP)

## TV Lineup



Jason Kidd and the New Jersey Nets grab the Wizards' attention Saturday.

→ **JUST KIDDING:** The Washington Wizards' road trip lands in New Jersey for Saturday's game (7:30 p.m. on WB50) against Jason Kidd and the New Jersey Nets.

→ **JUST WIN, BABY:** After suffering a loss last week, the Redskins look to return to their winning ways against the Raiders Sunday (1 p.m. on CBS).

→ **OH, CANADA:** With the Expos now in Washington, maybe there will be a city rivalry seen in the NHL. Or it's just another regular season game between the Capitals and Canadiens on Saturday (7 p.m. on CSN).

→ **SHELL GAME:** Maryland will become bowl eligible if it can beat Boston College's football team on Saturday (noon on UPN20).

→ **STATE PRIDE:** Virginia and Virginia Tech renew their rivalry on the gridiron on Saturday (noon on ESPN).

→ **TIP OFF:** Maryland begins its basketball season against Fairleigh Dickinson Friday (8 p.m. on CSN).

→ **AND THE WINNER IS:** The Nextel Cup is Tony Stewart's to lose heading into Sunday's Ford 400 (4 p.m. on NBC).

## DreamTeam

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## There's a Catch With Receivers

**WIDE RECEIVERS ARE** tricky fantasy players. A wide receiver's value to his team doesn't necessarily translate into someone that's good for your team — fantasy owners don't really care how many times the quarterback throws to their guy, unless it's a long bomb or in the end zone.



WR Dennis Northcutt is a solid play.

That's because the few categories you'll get points for are far from the only indicators of a receiver's importance. Take last year's Laveranues Coles. His 90 receptions were 7th in the NFL. But, fantasy-wise, he barely cracked the top 50 receivers you'd have wanted on your team.

## PLAYING FOR KEEPS

→ **DENNIS NORTHCUTT, WR, CLEVELAND BROWNS.** With Braylon Edwards anxiously tapping his foot on the sidelines, Northcutt had his season-high yardage total two weeks ago and season-high number of receptions last week.

→ **KYLE BOLLER, QB, BALTIMORE RAVENS.** Performance was ugly last week as he scraped off two months' worth of rust, but at least he's completing a lot of passes this year.

## CLOSE, BUT NO CIGAR

→ **JEFF GARCIA, QB, DETROIT LIONS.** The Lions' best chance at salvaging the season at this point is to hope Joey Harrington and Roy Williams keep the magic going.

→ **ANTONIO CHATMAN, WR, GREEN BAY PACKERS.** Chatman's a fine receiver, but Brett Favre likes a healthy Robert Ferguson more.

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The Colts' Edgerrin James is averaging 4.7 yards per rush entering Sunday's game.

## Bengals Try to Knock Off Colts

**Can Cincinnati repeat history by defeating an undefeated team?**

**PRO PICKS** | Two years ago, Kansas City went into Cincinnati with a 9-0 record, and left 9-1.

So the Bengals have some experience at what they face Sunday, when Indianapolis, the NFL's only unbeaten team, comes to town. These Colts, 5½-point favorites, are better than those Chiefs. Also, the matchups don't work for Cincinnati, especially Edgerrin James running against a defense that surrenders 4.7 yards a rush. **COLTS, 24-17.**

→ **TAMPA BAY** (plus 6) at **ATLANTA**. It won't matter this week whether Jon Gruden goes for 2. **FALCONS, 23-12.**

→ **PHILADELPHIA** (plus 7½) at **NEW YORK GIANTS**. With Mike McMahon in for Donovan McNabb. **GIANTS, 21-16.**

→ **CAROLINA** (minus 3) at **CHICAGO**. The Panthers are a little apprehensive about playing in cold weather. **PANTHERS, 17-9.**

→ **DETROIT** (plus 8) at **DALLAS**. The Cowboys are quirky. The Lions are quirkier. **COWBOYS, 24-11.**

→ **MINNESOTA** (plus 3½) at **GREEN BAY** (Monday night). The Vikings won't get three return TDs again. **PACKERS, 31-30.**

→ **OAKLAND** (plus 6) at **WASHINGTON**. The Raiders score on the last play and make a 2-pointer as Norv Turner sticks it to Dan "The Fan" Snyder. **RAIDERS, 28-27.**

→ **BUFFALO** (plus 10) at **SAN DIEGO**. The Bills got beaten 38-17 in Oakland. The Chargers are better than the Raiders. **CHARGERS 39-17.**

→ **PITTSBURGH** (off) at **BALTIMORE**. No one knows who plays QB for Pittsburgh. **STEELERS, 16-15.**

→ **NEW ORLEANS** (plus 10) at **NEW ENGLAND**. Patriots castoff Antowain Smith is averaging 4.8 yards per carry while New England plays a fullback at tailback. **PATRIOTS, 38-23.**

→ **ARIZONA** (plus 9) at **ST. LOUIS**. Kurt Warner's first trip back to the Dome that made him famous. **RAMS, 28-10.**

→ **KANSAS CITY** (minus 6) at **HOUSTON**. Seems like upset time. **TEXANS, 16-12.** DAVE GOLDBERG (AP)

# Harris Is Maryland's Safety Valve

Senior anchors Terps' secondary entering a key game vs. Eagles

**TERPS FOOTBALL** | It was Milton Harris' time.

The senior strong safety, who walked on to the Maryland team as a transfer and mostly toiled anonymously, was now handling a steady flow of interviews after practice. Cornerback Josh Wilson walked up, offered Harris an ice cream cone from his tray of food and sat down to eat and wait.

Harris, a DuVal High School graduate, had 16 tackles and forced a critical fumble in the fourth quarter to help put the Terrapins (5-4) a victory away from bowl eligibility. Thus Harris recently was named conference player of the week.

"It feels good," Harris said. "But mostly after having a game like that I just want to be able to keep my mind focused on next week's game."

That game comes Saturday as No. 23 Boston College (7-3) visits College Park. Harris and his teammates in the secondary again will



Milton Harris made 16 tackles against UNC, earning him player of the week honors.

be counted on to snuff out big plays the way they did in last week's overtime victory over North Carolina. Cornerback Gerrick McPhearson's pass breakups on a last-minute drive in regulation and again in overtime also helped cement the win.

A largely inexperienced unit, the

secondary has had its moments of porousness this season. But mostly the green group has come up big when it counted. Though 23rd in the nation in passing yardage allowed, Maryland has permitted just four passing touchdowns this season, second best in the country.

## 3 BURNING QUESTIONS

→ **A Swift Kick?** After Dan Ennis missed two field goals and an extra point last week, Ralph Friedgen opened up competition at kicker. For now, Ennis seems to have kept his spot.

→ **Remember Us?** Maryland and new ACC member Boston College have only played twice before, the last time in 1968.

→ **Home Sweet Home?** The Terps are just 1-3 at Byrd Stadium this season.

Still, the unit — which includes Harris, Wilson, McPhearson and safety Christian Varner — has shown that there are no easy scores. There was pressure, Harris said, to avoid a drop-off for a unit that has put two players in the NFL — Cincinnati's Madiou Williams and Denver's Domonique Foxworth — in the past two seasons.

"We wanted to go out there and show that we can play and get respect and make our stamp on the program for this year," he said.

DEREK TURNER



Donovan McNabb has yet to decide if he will have season-ending surgery.

## McNabb Told to Have Year-Ending Hernia Surgery

**NFL** | Donovan McNabb was told Thursday to have surgery that probably would end his season. The Eagles' quarterback is considering his options.

McNabb will miss Philadelphia's game against the New York Giants on Sunday with a groin injury, but hasn't made a decision beyond that. McNabb has played with a sports hernia most of the season. Dr. William Meyers recommended that McNabb have surgery now to correct the sports hernia after an examination Thursday morning. (AP)

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## Weekend | Sports

# QBs Square Off In Battle for Va.

Cavaliers have won 21 of 23 home games as Hokies come to town

**COLLEGE FOOTBALL** | They are friends who keep in touch, but Virginia's Marques Hagans and Virginia Tech's Marcus Vick will be adversaries on Saturday, each viewed as perhaps the most critical player in his team's chances of beating the other.

And as each team looks for ways to win, they essentially find themselves asking the same thing: How do we corral a quarterback who does what our own can do?

"He's going to play with his feet as well as his arm," linebacker James Anderson of the seventh-ranked Hokies said of Hagans. "He makes other players look good."

Hagans' skills were perhaps best on display when Virginia (6-3, 3-3 Atlantic Coast Conference) beat Florida State 26-21 on Oct. 15. He was 27-for-36 for 306 yards and two touchdowns and frustrated the Seminoles' by scrambling away from their pass rush.



Marques Hagans has shown the ability to throw and run the ball well this year.

But Marcus Vick has done the same thing for the Hokies (8-1, 5-1). He rushed for 133 yards at Maryland, and has gained 489 without including 163 yards lost on sacks.

The Cavaliers have won 21 of their last 23 overall at home, but Virginia Tech has won five of the last six in the series and leads 44-37-5 since it began in 1895.

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→ No. 7 **VIRGINIA TECH** (minus 7) at **VIRGINIA**. Hokies have won five of six against Cavs ... **VIRGINIA TECH 24-20**.

→ No. 8 **ALABAMA** (plus 7) at No. 11 **AUBURN**. An SEC slugfest. **AUBURN 20-17**.

→ No. 9 **OHIO STATE** (minus 3) at No. 17 **MICHIGAN**. Jim Tressel — the anti-John Cooper. **OHIO STATE 31-24**.

→ Oregon State (minus 13) at No. 10 **OREGON**. Beavers need win to become bowl eligible. **OREGON 42-32**.

→ **CLEMSON** (minus 2) at No. 19 **SOUTH CAROLINA**. Gamecocks win SEC East with Georgia loss. **SOUTH CAROLINA 21-20**.

→ No. 23 **BOSTON COLLEGE** (minus 2 ½) at **MARYLAND**. Terps need one more win for bowl eligibility ... **MARYLAND 26-20**. RALPH D. RUSSO (AP)



MOLLY RILEY/REUTERS

Defenseman Bryan Muir, top, has never played a full season for one team.

## Muir Is Finding A Home

**CAPITALS** | As much-heralded rookie Alex Ovechkin tears up the league and seizes the spotlight, the Washington Capitals' next-hottest scorer is a 32-year-old, 11-year pro who has played for seven NHL and six minor league teams, been traded five times and scored just eight NHL goals.

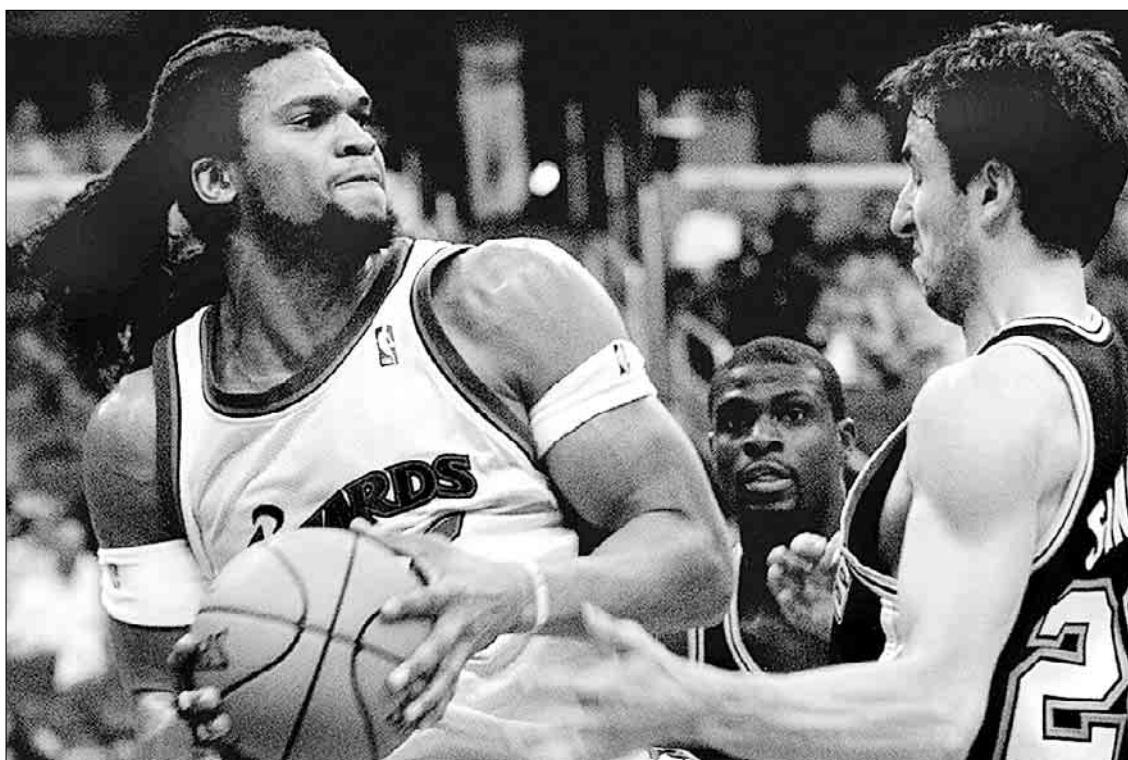
Not much was expected of defenseman Bryan Muir this year. The Caps (7-11-0 heading into last night's game at Buffalo) acquired him in August for "future considerations." But since returning from a groin injury earlier this month he's tallied three goals and two assists in six games.

"I figure when you get traded somebody wants you," said Muir, who said he's a serial renter since making the mistake of buying a loft shortly before being dealt from Chicago to Tampa Bay in 1999. "I've seen a lot of different systems and a lot of different coaches and styles and I think it makes me adaptable."

Muir never has spent an entire season with one team, but he did win a Stanley Cup with Colorado in 2001. His chances of sticking around in Washington have improved in recent weeks, especially after firing home a third-period goal Tuesday that jump-started the team's comeback win over Tampa Bay.

"This is a growing situation and we're making huge strides right now," he said. "Hopefully as we start narrowing down the years here I can find myself a home."

BRIAN STRAUS



JOE GIZIA/REUTERS

**'HIGH HOPES':** Returning players like Etan Thomas say the Wizards chemistry with new teammates is crucial to the season.

## Wizards Stay Focused

**Chemistry is key for the team while trying to shake off defeats**

**WIZARDS** | The Wizards first loss of the season wasn't much of a setback — they rebounded from a loss to the Clippers to mop the floor with Seattle and the NBA-champion San Antonio Spurs. Now, Washington (5-2) is hoping to spring back with similar dominating performances after yet another loss.

Losses just don't seem to put much of a chink in the team's confidence, point guard Antonio Daniels said: "It's good to see everybody upbeat and everybody ready to go." That energy will be

needed as Washington takes on a tough New Jersey Nets (4-4) team Saturday.

The Wizards say that their focus on the end goal — making the playoffs — keeps their attention on the future and less on the sting of getting beat.

That was the attitude of last year's team, and the many offseason roster moves don't seem to have affected it. And while newer players often are easier to knock out of sync with a tough loss, this batch doesn't stray from the game plan when things don't go their way, power forward Antawn Jamison said: "The young guys — they're survivors. The chemistry isn't different at all."

Although the season is still young,

the Wizards say they've been putting in extra attention to team-building both on and off the court — which has made that optimistic mentality a pervasive one. Having experienced the problems of players who didn't buy into that collective spirit — \*cough\* Kwame Brown \*cough\* — the Wizards avoided such players to make chemistry-building easier.

"We've started getting it together. We just want to be able to gel and bond the way we need to, so we can have a special season," center Etan Thomas said. "We have high hopes."

CHRIS MINCHER (EXPRESS)

**Late games:** Both the Wizards and Caps games ended after Express' deadline. Results | Today's Post, Sports

## Swengali

CAPITALS | BY MATT SWENSON

## Rookie A.O. Gets an A-Plus

**HIGH DRAFT PICKS** just don't work out well here. Heath Shuler, Michael Westbrook, Kwame Brown ring a bell to anyone? Even when they're talented, they don't hit stardom until team No. 2 — Rasheed Wallace and Richard Hamilton — or are traded away like Champ Bailey. And that's not even bringing up the notoriously bad drafting of the Capitals.

Someone forgot to tell Alex Ovechkin our history. All he's done in a month with the Caps is prove that he's a superstar-in-waiting, scoring 14 goals in 18 games.

Now, I'm no puckhead, but that sounds good. So does this: "In terms of pure goal scorers, he's in the top 5 at 19 years old," longtime Caps broadcaster Al Koken recently told me of the No. 1 overall pick in 2004.

**We've had stars before — they've just been washed up.**

Ovechkin's like Freddy Adu, only without the attitude and he's actually good. He even has a cool nickname people as original as me have thought of: A.O. It's like a cross between Allen Iverson and Terrell Owens. Get it?

Now we've had stars here before — they've just been washed up like Deion Sanders, Bruce Smith and some guy named MJ.

Gilbert Arenas is breaking the mold with the Wizards, too, but he was a free-agent acquisition.

A.O. is a home-grown product, by way of Russia. He makes hockey fun to watch, and we have the chance to see him for the next 20 years in the nation's capital.

All of which makes it so sad that he's bound to catch the bird flu soon. Why? Because he plays in Washington.

Matt Swenson, a lifelong Washingtonian, is the sports editor of Express.

## Baseball Owners OK Steroids Policy

**DOPING** | Baseball owners voted unanimously Thursday to approve the toughened steroids policy agreed to with the players' association earlier this week.

"It was a very easy ratification," Commissioner Bud Selig said.

The union's executive board will decide when it meets Dec. 5-9 in Henderson, Nev., whether all players should vote to ratify the agreement or if board approval is sufficient.



RON KUNSTLER/AP

"It was a very easy ratification," Bud Selig said of the unanimous drug vote.

Spurred by the threat of federal legislation, players and owners agreed Tuesday to a new deal that would start before spring training. Players would get a 50-game suspension for a first positive test, miss 100 games for a second offense and face a lifetime ban for a third.

The sport's current penalties are a 10-day suspension for a first offense, 30 days for a second offense and 60 days for a third. The earliest a player could be banned for life is a fifth offense. NANCY ARMOUR (AP)



## Weekend | Sports



With athletic players such as forward Brandon Bowman, Georgetown hopes this is the year it returns to the NCAA Tournament. Its season starts Friday at Navy.

# Continuity Is King For Georgetown

**With last year's stars back, Hoyas eye a trip to NCAA Tournament**

**HOYAS HOOPS** | After narrowly missing the NCAA Tournament last season, Georgetown is back. Literally — last year's unit of core players has returned fully intact, a rarity in college basketball.

Considering how far coach John Thompson III took the team in his first year as coach — 19-13 and advancing to the third round of the NIT — expectations are high as he gets another year to develop the same players even further. That continuity puts the Hoyas, who begin their season Friday at Navy, way ahead of the traditional learning curve.

"We got one year under our belt," said forward Brandon Bowman. "We'll use that to our advantage. There are so many different things you can do with the players who

have been here."

The key word there is "different." Just because the players are the same, doesn't mean the offense will be. The Hoyas will continue to use their athleticism and versatility to mix things up in hopes of returning past glory to the program.

"They'll be expecting one thing, and we can come with something completely new. The thing we love about this offense is that there's nothing set," Bowman said. "That's something you can't guard, and it definitely creates problems."

A loosely organized offense like that is based on one thing — the trust a coach has in his players' instincts and ability to read defenses. And as the team has stayed together into its second year, they've had the time to earn that trust. "If you have a core of guys who have been here one year already, then we kind of know what to expect and what we can do," Bowman said.

CHRIS MINCHER (EXPRESS)

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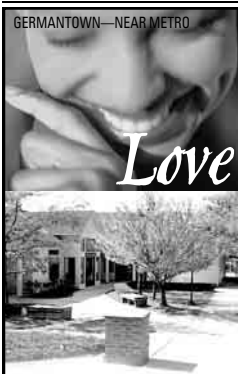
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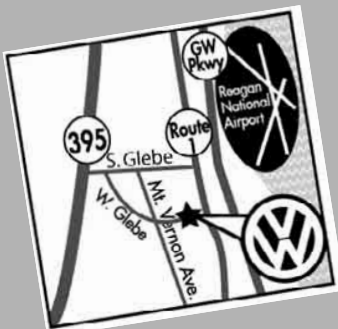
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Coach Brenda Frese has built Maryland from a struggling program into the No. 14 ranked women's basketball team in the country heading into this season.

## Lady Terps Are Now the Hunted

'We have a target on our back,' coach Frese says of No. 14 U-Md.

**TERPS HOOPS** | They've got a ton of experience, a wealth of skills, a deep bench and an accomplished coach who knows precisely how to tap into the talent at her disposal.

The Maryland women's basketball team is so loaded, its biggest problem this season might be coping with the pressure associated with being the No. 14 team in the country — the Terrapins' highest ranking since 1993.

"The exciting thing is that these players are hungry for it, they want the expectations, they welcome the rankings," Maryland coach Brenda Frese said. "Now it will just be, when we get out there,

how we respond to having a target on our back this season."

The journey begins Friday at Siena.

If the Terrapins stay healthy and realize their potential, they should stay active deep into March.

"I'm looking to go past the Sweet 16," said center Crystal Langhorne, who averaged 17.2 points and 10.6 rebounds as a freshman last season.

Since arriving at Maryland in 2002, Frese has turned a struggling program into an efficient machine that finished 22-10 and won an NCAA tournament game last year and won't settle for merely being a powerhouse in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

"They want to win championships," Frese said. DAVID GINSBURG (AP)

## Divac Accused of Dodging Serb Draft

**LOS ANGELES** | Former NBA center Vlade Divac wants to get his military status straightened out. He was surprised to learn that his native Serbia-Montenegro wants him for the army and is accusing him of avoiding its military draft.

The Serbian media reported that Divac arrived in Belgrade on Thursday and would meet Friday with

defense minister Zoran Stankovic. Divac didn't sound worried before his trip. "In my opinion, this is a non-issue and it will be resolved in the next couple of days."

The 37-year-old Divac was obliged by law to join the compulsory six-month military service by the age of 35, the country's state prosecutors' office said. (AP)

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# LOOK out

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## Fitness

### Fencing clubs offer a sporty alternative to the gym treadmill

"This past January, I was desperately seeking some physical activity," said Dr. Joanne Watson, a 37-year-old family medicine physician at Mercy Medical Center in Baltimore.

Her husband, Bruce, also a doctor, had been dispatched to Kentucky with his Army Reserve unit. Suddenly, Joanne was sole caregiver for their three young children and in need of an occasional sanity-saving energy burn.

She also recently had dropped 53 pounds dieting and wanted to keep the weight off. "I hate the treadmill," said Watson. "I hate the gym. And I hate walking."

She spotted an ad in a community newspaper for the Chesapeake



**FITNESS FENCING:** For Joanne Watson and Dan Collins of Baltimore, pictured at left, fencing is an excellent form of exercise.

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adds, "so it's more like sprinting than jogging."

Longtime member Dan Collins, senior director of media relations at Mercy Medical Center, said fencing also develops upper-body strength and balance.

"You burn calories at a higher rate than a professional football player," said Collins.

Fencing probably will never be a staple of ESPN coverage. Roughly 500,000 Americans fence recreationally, according to Mike May, spokesman for the Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association.

"It's one of those sports that's sort of a niche activity," said May, putting fencing in the company of wind surfing and squash.

The good news is that membership in the tournament-oriented U.S. Fencing Association stands at 25,000, up about 50 percent in four years.

"We are seeing rapid growth," said Cindy Bent Findlay, the association's media relations officer. She attributes that spike to the proliferation of coaches and the U.S. women's team having won gold and bronze medals in saber fencing at the 2004 Summer Olympics.

TOM DUNKLE (THE BALTIMORE SUN)

# Saber Rattling

Fencing Club and decided to check it out. The club leases space inside a Knights of Columbus hall in North Baltimore and has about 60 saber-rattling active members.

Even seasoned fencers concede that their sport has an image problem. Maybe it's the snow-white uniforms that remind one of cavalry-

men dipped in powdered sugar. Maybe it's the French-laced terminology. Or the minimalist action.

Most people might think the toughest part of the sport is squeezing into those tight pants.

Au contraire.

"There's a lot of legwork. We call it physical chess," said Watson.

"Getting yourself into position, the lunging. It's aerobic and it's anaerobic."

Ray Gordon, a 43-year-old professional fencing instructor who serves as club president, said fencing works the quad muscles and hamstrings especially hard. "Fencing is very high intensity," he

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## Voices

### Marc Fisher

### Team Names

Post columnist **MARC FISHER** was online Thursday and discussed the debate over Indian names and other names for sports teams | [washingtonpost.com/liveonline](http://washingtonpost.com/liveonline)

I guess next people will be complaining about the Saints name. And as far as the Dolphins, I can just see all dolphins uniting and coming out of the ocean for a massive attack against us humans. Hey, it happened on "The Simpsons"!

PETA is on the warpath about animal names for teams. They're starting with Gamecocks, but don't be surprised when they go after the Fins. If they go after the Blue Jays, however, I'll join them. Awful name.

Get ready — pretty soon all the mascot team names will be sanitized for our protection and we will all end up with names like my hometown college: The Whittier Poets.

Hey, we're the world capital of wussy team names right here in the District of Columbia — we've got the Cardozo Clerks, the Maret Frogs, the Sidwell Quakers and the Georgetown Day Mighty Hoppers. Now all we need is the Interns and the Policy Wonks and we'll have a league.

Just curious, are there any team names or mascots that you would

find offensive or is just about anything OK?

I still don't especially like Savages, even if the local tribal chief and leadership love the name. And what really offends me are those singular names — the Jazz, the United, that sort of thing.

It's just "United," not "the United."

You've been listening to George Michael too much. United generally refers to a team created by a merger of other teams in the same city. In D.C.'s case, United refers to the team that represents D.C., Maryland and Virginia. Most professional soccer teams don't include the mascot in their names.

Frankly, I don't see the need to identify a team with an animal.

You prefer naming a team after a concept? If United, why not Determined, or Bloated or Thoughtful?

#### → Today on Live Online

**10 A.M.:** Washington Post Executive Editor Leonard Downie Jr. discusses Bob Woodward's revelation that he may have been the first reporter told of Valerie Plame's identity as a CIA operative.

### Letters

#### MLB Drug Policy Falls Short

**BASEBALL'S REVISED DRUG POLICY** fails to meet the mark again ("MLB's Tougher Stance on Steroids," Nov. 16). Human growth hormone is not included. It can be tested for with blood/hair testing, but the new policy tests only urine. Next season the average height for baseball players will be taller than the NBA average!

—JIM KYGER  
Alexandria, Va.

#### Too Few Exits on Metro Cars

**REGARDING P. RUSSO'S COMMENTS** on the New York subway cars (Letters,

Nov. 17), the real problem is not people crowding around the doors, it is that Metro has only three doors per car. When you have fewer doors, you have longer aisles, which give passengers less incentive to move in because it is consequently more difficult to get out. In New York, most subway cars have four doors on each side per car. I think this is the best explanation for why New York subway cars have better passenger flow than here.

—C. TAI  
Arlington, Va.

#### Correction:

An editing error in yesterday's Blog Log resulted in the wrong album title being attributed to Kenny Chesney. His newest album is titled "The Road and the Radio."

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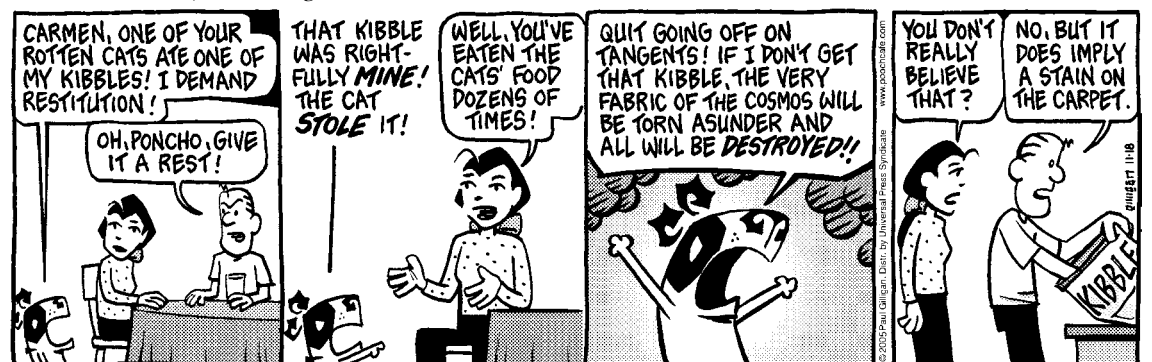
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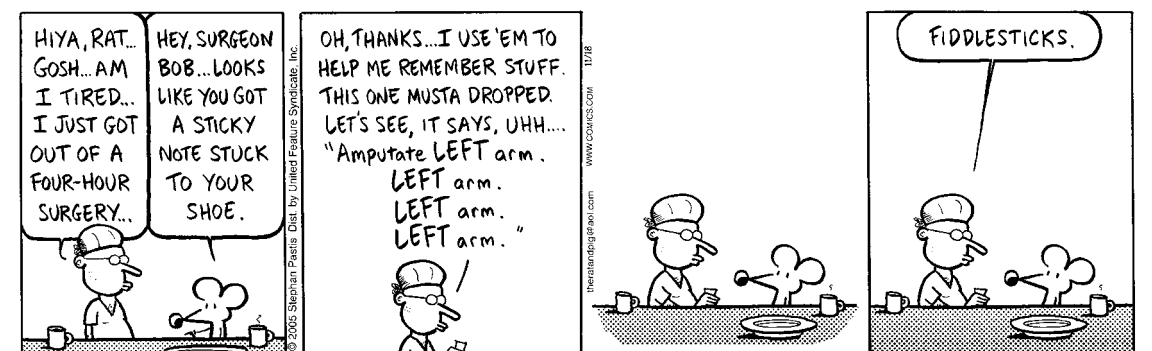
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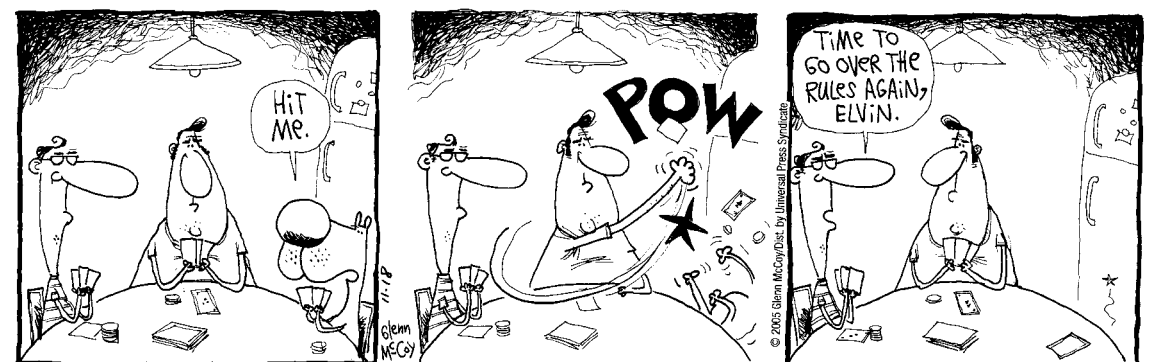
### Pooch Cafe | Paul Gilligan



### Pearls Before Swine | Stephan Pastis



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## CAUSE AND EFFECT

## So let me get this straight: Conservatives can't win because winning would cause a backlash???"

MATT LEWIS OF [CAMPAIGNLEADERSHIP.COM](http://CAMPAIGNLEADERSHIP.COM) WRITES ON HIS BLOG THAT COMMENTS BY VIRGINIA GOP REP. TOM DAVIS PUBLISHED IN THURSDAY'S WASHINGTON POST — WARNING THAT OVERTURNING ROE V. WADE WOULD SPARK A SUBURBAN BACKLASH AGAINST REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES — WILL BE USED BY REPUBLICAN MODERATES TO PUSH THE PARTY BACK TOWARD THE CENTER.

### THE Blog LOG

## ENGAGING SCHEDULE

"... [I]nsiders say his impulsive romance has been developing on schedule and should dovetail quite nicely with the inevitable breakup and drug habit."

[TVGASM.COM](http://TVGASM.COM) WONDERS IF THE PLANNED MARRIAGE BETWEEN "LAGUNA BEACH" CAST MEMBER TALAN TORRIERO AND ROD STEWART'S DAUGHTER, KIMBERLY, WILL BE AS SCRIPTED AS THE MTV REALITY SHOW.

## THE MONKEY IS SAFE!

"Don't worry, Baby Luv was fine."

[DLISTED.BLOGSPOT.COM](http://DLISTED.BLOGSPOT.COM) REPORTS THAT PARIS HILTON'S NEW PET MONKEY APPARENTLY SURVIVED A LAS VEGAS HOTEL PARTY WHERE A ROOM WAS TRASHED.



## UNDER FIRE

"Personally, I'd like to see Dick Cheney tell Murtha (who spent 37 years of his career in the Marine Corps) to his face that he's losing his memory or his backbone."

[CROOKEDTIMBER.ORG](http://CROOKEDTIMBER.ORG) APPLAUDS DEMOCRATIC REP. JOHN MURTHA OF PENNSYLVANIA, PICTURED, WHO WAS AN OUTSPOKEN IRAQ WAR SUPPORTER, FOR DECLARING THURSDAY THAT U.S. TROOPS SHOULD BEGIN AN IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL. REPUBLICANS HAVE SLAMMED MURTHA.

## DERAILED

"The escalator they just completely rebuilt in Union Station is already broken. Way to go hammerheads!"

[RAILEDAGAIN.BLOGSPOT.COM](http://RAILEDAGAIN.BLOGSPOT.COM) ISN'T TOO HAPPY WITH A BROKEN METRO ESCALATOR.

### Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** You can display your true connoisseur qualities in the way you react to the offerings of others. Don't be snobbish, however.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** You mustn't become unreasonable simply because someone else has said no to you. Perhaps he or she knows better!

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** You're not to be hurried, and anyone who would insist that you follow a certain path had better be warned of the dramatic consequences.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** Your daily routine may have to be broken up to accommodate the needs of a close friend or family member who needs your immediate help.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** If you've agreed to do the job, then do it and leave complaining to others. Right now, you have something to prove; don't let yourself down.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Invite a rela-

tive to join you on a journey of self-discovery. Your expectations are likely to be met and exceeded at every turn.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Someone may become impatient with your slow, deliberate manner—but you'll prove that caution at this time is a necessity.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** You can make improvements in your personal sphere, and do much to reduce the chance for danger in any affairs of the heart.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** You'll have a good reason to reflect on past decisions, past triumphs and past mistakes. In the end you'll decide to move on.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Others are looking to you with great expectations, and you have what it takes to deliver the goods. Indeed, you may surprise even yourself.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Passion is increasing, and you'll want to focus your attention on those things that demand the most commitment.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** Someone may think that you have to change, but in fact you are on the right track and have no real reason to alter yourself in any way right now.

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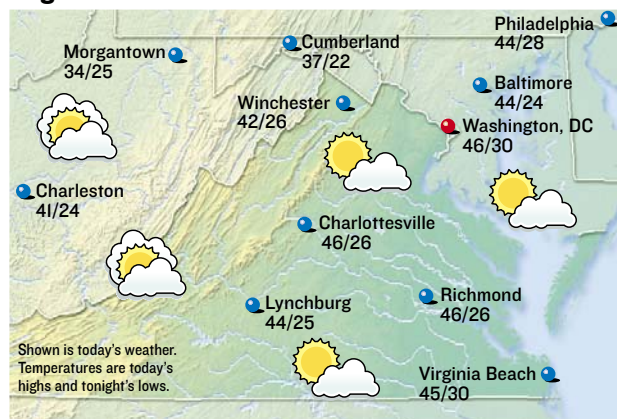


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Year to date	39.66"
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Normal year to date	35.00"

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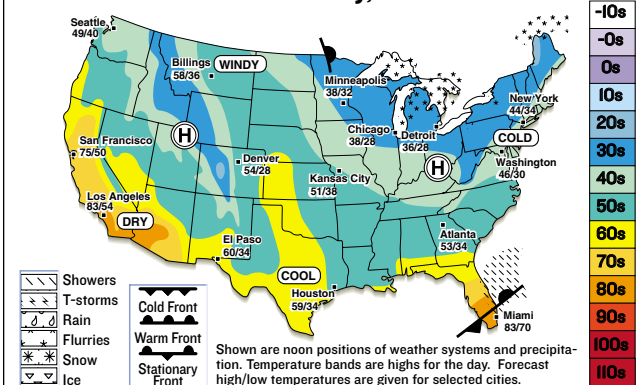
**D.C. Metro:** Today, mostly sunny, cold. High 46. Wind northwest 8-15 mph. Tonight, mostly clear, cold. Lows 22 in the suburbs to 30 in the city.

### Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	6:54 a.m.
Sunset tonight	4:52 p.m.
Moonrise today	6:41 p.m.
Moonset today	9:47 a.m.



### National Weather for Friday, November 18



### National Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
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Chicago	38/28/pc	44/30/sh
Dallas	61/41/s	68/42/s
Denver	54/28/s	48/24/s
Honolulu	83/70/s	84/68/s
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Orlando	72/56/sh	74/58/sh
Seattle	49/40/pc	47/37/pc

### World Cities

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Buenos Aires	82/58/pc	84/63/s
Calgary	52/31/pc	54/36/s
Dublin	48/37/c	48/36/pc
Geneva	43/28/pc	43/20/s
Moscow	42/23/sh	31/28/pc
Rome	63/48/pc	59/45/pc
Sydney	75/63/s	75/64/pc
Tokyo	55/48/s	57/46/s

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.



# LOOK out

## People



McConaughey, on People's cover, models his famed "bathing optional" look.

### HEAD-SCRATCHERS

**If 'Sexy' Means 'Unkempt,' He's Definitely the Right Guy**

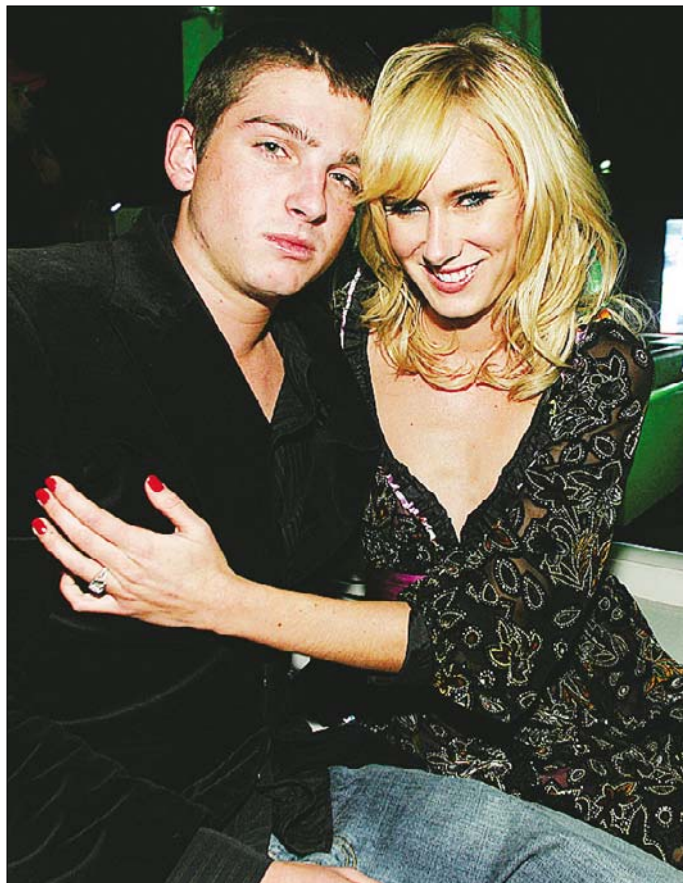
**MATTHEW MCCONAUGHEY** has been named the "sexiest man alive" by People magazine. The actor is pictured on the cover of People's annual issue, on newsstands Friday. The 36-year-old McConaughey says the part of the title that he's proud of isn't "sexiest": "I like the 'alive' part." McConaughey is the 20th "sexiest man" for People. (AP)

### TECHNICALLY NOT A PERSON

**Without Earth, What Would Be Left for Him to Poop On?**

**TRIUMPH THE INSULT COMIC DOG**

doesn't just bark out zingers and smoke cigars — he worries about global warming. So the R-rated hand puppet will be one of the performers, along with Steve Martin and others, for TBS' two-hour "Earth to America" special at 8 p.m. Sunday. (AP)



### MARRYING UP

## Some Guys Have All the Luck

Wednesday night was the night — that **KIMBERLY STEWART**, daughter of crooner Rod Stewart, got engaged, People Magazine reported Thursday. Stewart, 26, will wed **TALAN TORRIERO**, one of the stars of the MTV reality series "Laguna Beach." They announced their surprise engagement Wednesday evening at a Los Angeles party for Microsoft's Xbox. Stewart and Torriero, who have been dating for several weeks, were recently in the news as the back seat passengers of Paris Hilton when she was involved in a minor car accident Nov. 9. No one was hurt and police said no one was cited after the mishap. (EXPRESS/AP)

### RUMBLES

**Mr. Television Vs. 'Idol' Prettyboy**

**REGIS PHILBIN** is jumping networks to get a piece of the New Year's pie. Philbin subbed for an ailing Dick Clark last year on ABC's "New Year's Rockin' Eve," but Clark will be back this year with Ryan Seacrest of "American Idol" fame as his co-host. So Regis went to Fox, where last year, Seacrest had played host.



Seacrest may be young, but Regis fights dirty.

Said Philbin: "I'm very happy to be asked to welcome in the New Year on TV." It's a rare trip away from ABC for Philbin, whose regular gig is "Live with Regis and Kelly." He will also host their updated version of the primetime show "This is Your Life." (AP)

### ENTREPRENEURS

**Brothel Industry's Martha Stewart Has New Souffle**

Former "Hollywood Madam" **HEIDI FLEISS** says she's bound for a brothel in Crystal, Nev., that she wants to help remake into a resort featuring male prostitutes. "I am going to have the sexiest men on earth," Fleiss



said. "Women are going to love it." However, county Sheriff Tony DeMeo said that because Fleiss is a convicted felon, she could be banned from the county's legal sex trade. (AP)



"Darn. I wanted to see Dick Lugar, but that woman was always in the way."

### CAUSES

**Congressmen Unusually Clumsy, Distracted Thursday**

Actress **ANGELINA JOLIE** used her star power Thursday to draw attention to a new law assisting the world's orphans and to push for funding. The law, the Assistance for Orphans and Other Vulnerable Children in Developing Countries Act, was signed last week by President Bush. "By fully funding this legislation, we would be saying to the world that we believe that the life of a child in the poorest country is just as important, just as valuable, as the lives of the children in the United States," Jolie said. (AP)

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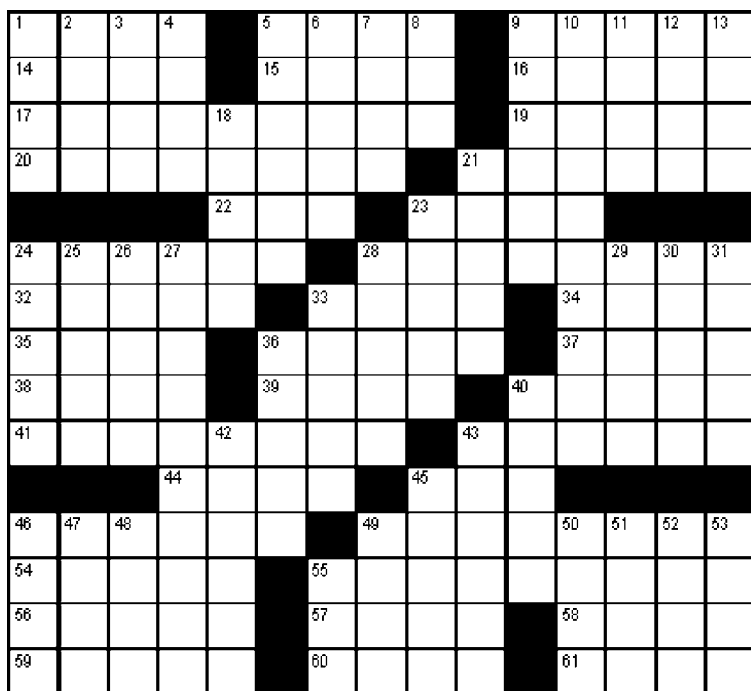
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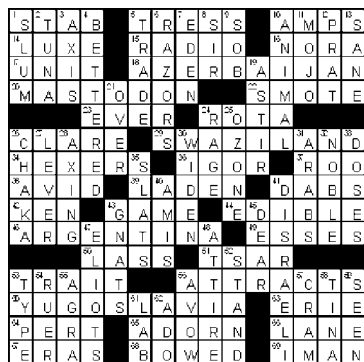
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### Yesterday's Solution



## Sunday in The Washington Post



**Ups and Down:** Onstage, they rant about politics, drugs and Tony Danza. But System of a Down's members are mellow on their downtime. | *Arts*

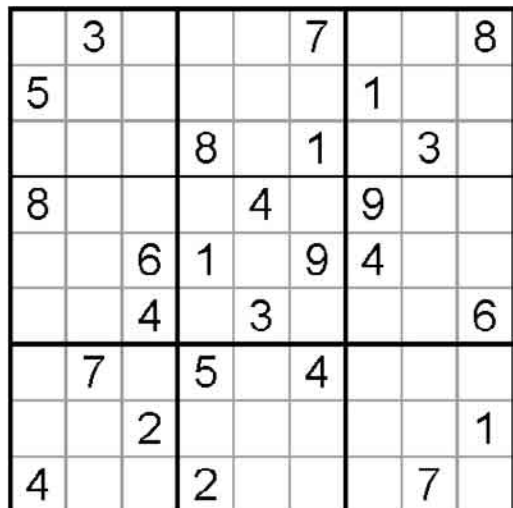
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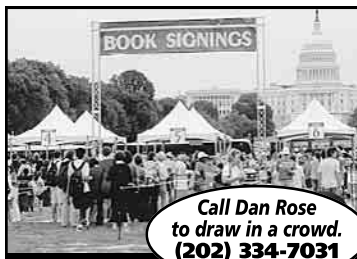
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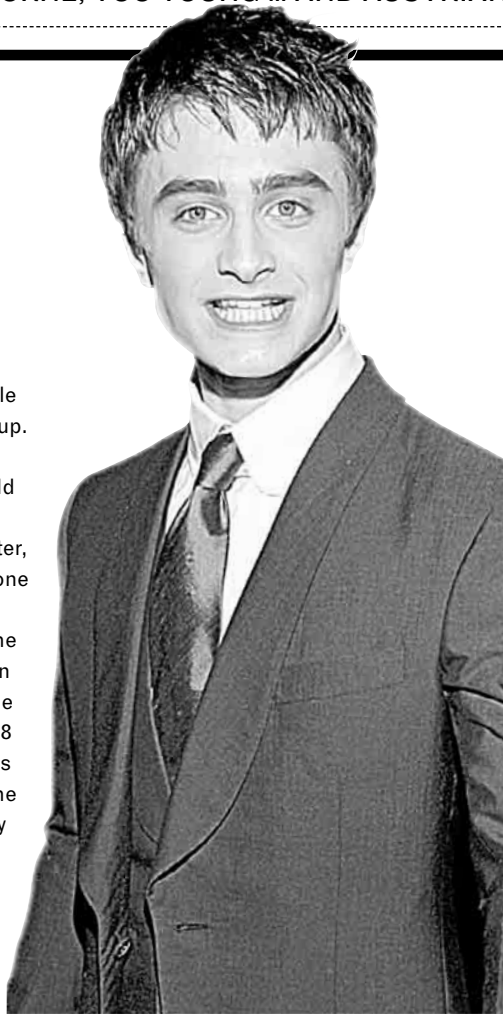
Cheers to National Pomegranate Month! If you think the pom margaritas at Ros a Mexicano are played out, try PAMA Pomegranate Liqueur (\$25). It's in New York now; in D.C. Jan. 1.

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## The Man Who Lived

Intrepid blogger Michelle Collins (youcantmakeitup.blogspot.com) has said what we all are, or should be, thinking: "Daniel Radcliffe, i.e. Harry Potter, is growing up to be a stone cold hottie." She has thoughtfully provided the Harry Potter Countdown Clock, which ticks off the seconds until he turns 18 on July 23, 2007. Hey, this is no different than all the guys who only see Harry movies because Emmy Watson is so scandalously hawt. Lust this Friday, when "Goblet of Fire" opens.



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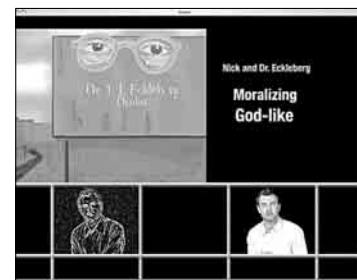
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**You asked to be traded recently. If that were to happen, what would you miss about D.C.?**

It's one of those important cities. You know, it's the capital of the United States. There aren't too many cities like that, where you can go to dinner at the local Morton's and run into a senator pretty much on any given night.

**Is there anything you'd want to do you haven't done?**

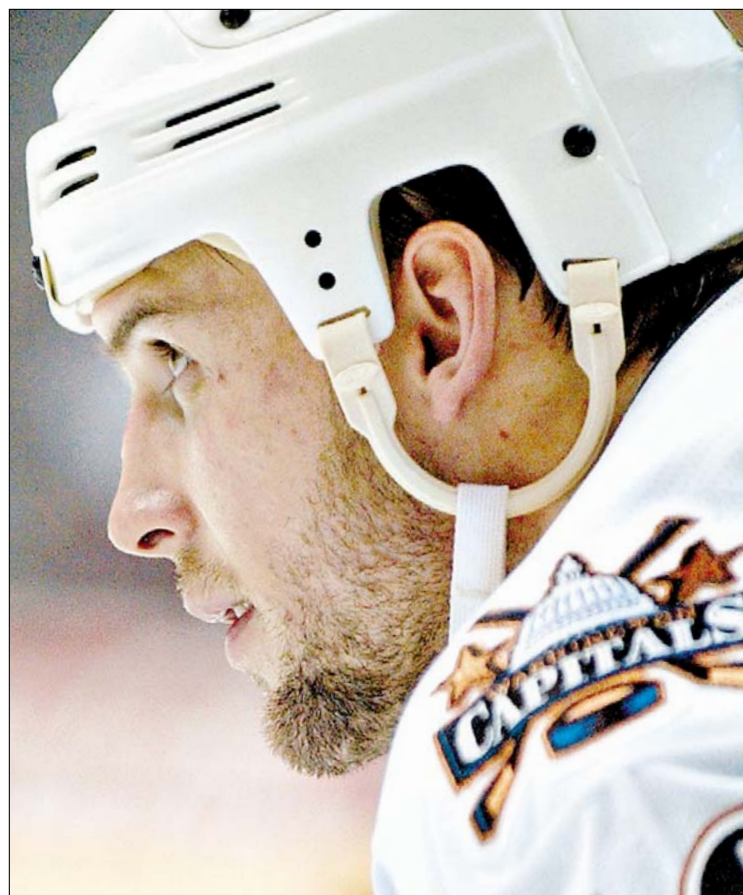
Nothing. I'm sorry. I've seen all the Smithsonians and stuff, so I've done everything.

**I grew up in the area and I remember taking tourists all over, like, 500 times.**

Every time my parents come into town I have to take them to all the stuff, to the Mall, the Lincoln and everything.

**After last year's lockout, do you think there's a way for the NHL to improve its image and get some new fans?**

I think it's going to take time. I mean, take baseball — it took a



Brendan Witt looks handsome in this picture, and we're not just saying that because he's eight feet a million and could probably find out where our offices are.

little time to get their fans back.

**Hockey's pretty underrepresented, movie-wise. What's the best hockey movie?**  
"Slapshot."

**How come?**

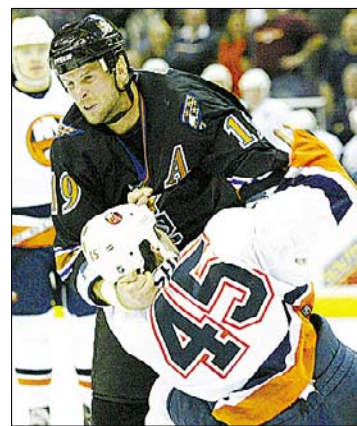
You've got a famous actor, uh ... I'm having a brain fart.

**It's Paul Newman, isn't it?**

Yeah. It's just old-time hockey, the way it used to be played. Anyone who loves hockey has seen "Slapshot." I think I've watched it over 1,000 times at least.

**"Old-time hockey?"**

Well, it's like in the '70s, how a hockey player was known as a real



The Islanders' Arron Asham is clearly to blame for this Oct. 13 incident.

tough customer. He could play and fight and do it all.

**Speaking of fighting, you've got**

**"You're sort of in this swamp and you're in between Newark and New York and there's nothing around. Except for cattails."**

**over 900 penalty minutes ...**

I don't plan on getting in a fight or anything, but it's just one of those things.

**What's the worst team to play on the road?**

New Jersey. There's nothing there. You're sort of in this swamp. And you're in between Newark and New York, and there's nothing around. Except for cattails.

**Whose fans are really hostile?**

Philly fans are always hostile, but I enjoy that. They're comical. They really love their hockey.

**If you weren't playing hockey, what would you be doing?**

Surfing. I used to drive out to Ocean City at four in the morning and be in the water by 6 a.m., surf until 10 and then come home. It's a little easier now, from Florida.

**In the off-season, do you manage to surf a lot?**

Yeah, I went to Costa Rica for two weeks. It's one of my hobbies-slash-passions. Besides my wife and family.

**We'll put them as one and two so you don't get into trouble.**

## Don't Leave This on Your Metro Seat

### EDITOR'S NOTE

**RELAXING WOULD BE** a lot easier if it didn't take so much work. Once you've got the time, you've got to find the right place at the right price — and, of course, the right outfit to wear. Not an easy task for the stressed-out denizens of the D.C. area.

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in this section, Express is going to map out the world of fun for you. Our daily Styles section goes full-blown, and will continue to explain what to buy and why. In Random Order, we'll fill you in on what's buzzworthy around town, online and in stores.

Our Where To... section will answer that perennial question with suggestions worthy of your precious free time, whether you're looking to

woo that hottie who works in your building or reward your daughter for the A on her report card.

Want to curl up with a novel or blow off some steam with a video game? Turn to Mixed Media. Plus, we've thrown in some other diverting features we think you'll enjoy: local wedding profiles in B.I.O. (By Invitation Only) and Samurai Sudoku (a brutal puzzle that will hurt your hungover

brain). Look for features on home decor and entertaining, whether you're trying to break out of a rut or just make your rut a little nicer.

In a few weeks, Manolo the Shoeblogger's column will move here permanently, and we'll be adding other regular columns and features to keep you looking, feeling and being your best.

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### ABOUT THE COVER

→ Local high schooler Daniela Silver is wearing an all-vintage ensemble from **ANNIE CREAMCHEESE**. (dress, \$298; shoes, \$45; ring, \$35; necklace, \$75; earrings, \$22; gloves, \$20; 3279 M St. NW; 202-298-5555)

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→ Photo by Michelle Repiso



# My Pet Gadget

## Allergic to dogs and cats?

Is your biological clock ticking? Feeling friendless and alone? Get an iPod — or really, anything with a microchip will do, the tinier the better. The phenomenon of proud iPod parents going gaga over their



gadgets is spilling into the wider world of tech. Yes, gizmos are cuter and smarter than ever, and the sounds and images they produce more lifelike. But do we have to put them in clothes? Well, yeah. HOLLY J. MORRIS (EXPRESS)



**iKitty:** Now your iPod (standard and Mini) is a cat. Plug in the iDog and watch them go at it. (\$35, [speckproducts.com](http://speckproducts.com))



**iDog:** Plug it into an MP3 player or stereo and watch it move and flash its lights in time with the music. (\$23, [amazon.com](http://amazon.com)). iDog hat and sweater sets will arrive in February. (\$14, [amazon.com](http://amazon.com))



**iAttire:** The technological equivalent of Chihuahua sweaters, iAttire outfits will keep your iPod (standard, Mini or Shuffle) distinct while on playdates. And if D.C. Apple stores become the pick-up joints we hear their New York City counterparts are, imagine what a lure this will be to other iPod mommies and daddies. (\$40 per outfit, [iattire.net](http://iattire.net))



**Nabaztag:** This WiFi bunny can relay traffic reports, weather and other news; announce e-mails by flashing its belly lights or moving its ears; and play music (what can't?). It's made by the French company Violet, so you'll have to buy it from overseas. (about \$115, [nabaztag.com](http://nabaztag.com))



**Gadget Bed:** Yes, this super-cute item is indeed a product of Japan. Where else? Both cell phones and iPods can nestle under the covers. If you own the iGuy from Speck, your iPod can wear the slippers. (\$22, [fredflare.com](http://fredflare.com))





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# Cuddle With a Camera

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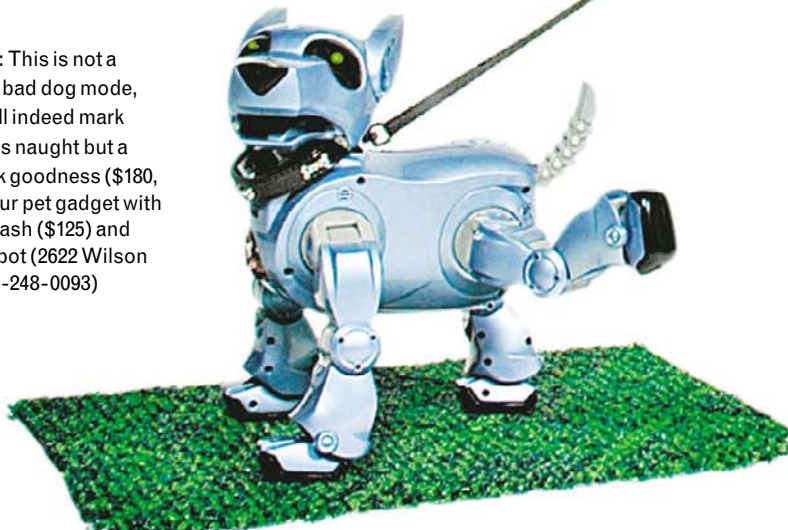
**1. SONY CYBER-SHOT DSC-N1:** A giganto 3-inch screen lets this 8-megapix model double as an album. (\$500, sonystyle.com) **2. JVC EVERIO GZ-MG30:** This video camera records onto a 30 GB hard disk, not tapes or DVDs. (\$900, jvc.com) **3. KODAK EASY-SHARE ONE:** A WiFi shooter can upload or download from any wireless hotspot. (\$600, kodak.com) **4. CANON POWERSHOT SD400:** Easy and reliable, without being offensively basic. (\$300, bestbuy.com) **5. NIKON D50:** For the hardcore amateur, the 6.1 megapix D50 is lighter and cheaper than its professional relatives. (\$700 with lens, penncamera.com)

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MICHELLE REPISO



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**↑ Walkman W800i:** This poly-mathic phone takes pictures, plays music (half a gig's worth) and makes calls. It's gotten the rave reviews the Motorola ROKR (aka iTunes phone) would have killed for. (\$500, soniericsson.com)



**← Sidekick II:** Hollywood loves it some Sidekicks. Chat, text or e-mail your friends/frenemies in the manner preferred by the O.C. kids, Paris Hilton and Veronica Mars. (\$250 with plan, \$280 pay-as-you-go, t-mobile.com)



**↑ BlackBerry 8700c:** The newest CrackBerry arrives Nov. 21, though it's only available from Cingular. This one promises speedier data transfer. (\$300 with two-year contract, blackberry.com)



**← Slider Sonic:** Virgin Mobile's pre-paid music-playing phone doesn't lock you into a contract, leaving you free to trade up once the MP3 phone is perfected. (\$190 plus \$72.512 MB memory card, virginmobile.usa.com)



**→ Internet Telephony Kit:** Don't let an addiction to Internet phone service Skype rope you to your computer. Talk online anywhere in your home with Linksys' handset. (\$115, buy.com)



**← Internet Tablet:** Despite its pedigree, the Nokia 770 isn't a phone, nor does it use cellular technology. It goes online via available Wi-Fi networks or Bluetooth-enabled cell phones. (\$360, nokiausa.com/770)

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### Game Boy Micro

Nintendo's tiniest iteration of the Game Boy is 4 inches wide and a mere 3 ounces. It plays all Advance titles, although it turns up its nose at original Game Boy games. The little guy has removable faceplates, too, so you can give the occasional extreme makeover. A version with a retro NES faceplate comes out Nov. 28 to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Nintendo Entertainment System. (\$100, bestbuy.com)



### Palm Z22

The Palm Z22 organizer doesn't play music, take pictures or connect to the Internet, but it looks like it does — it's as rounded and white as an iPod and considerably cuter than most smartphones. It's designed to lure technophobes who are still clutching their paper planners into the world of handheld organization, so it's easy to use, though decidedly bare bones. (\$99, palm.com).





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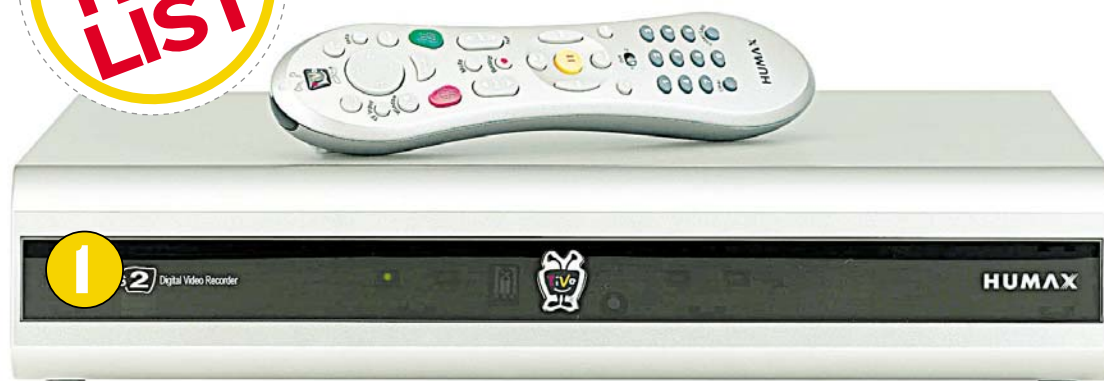
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The year was 1985. Rock Hudson died of AIDS. Crack cocaine first appeared on city streets. A movie showed us how to time-travel in a DeLorean. And a little-heralded newscaster in Chicago started a talk show. This six-disc collection gathers the memorable moments — I'm Skinny Oprah in a black turtleneck and blue jeans, the extravagant giveaways, the Tom Cruise Meltdown. **NOTABLE EXTRA:** Oprah watches the original audition tape she used to get the job 20 years ago, which she apparently hasn't seen since then. **IF YOU LIKE:** Black female hairstyles of the last two decades, people really happy to get free stuff. **IF YOU DON'T LIKE:** "The Jerry Springer Show," Texas cattlemen.

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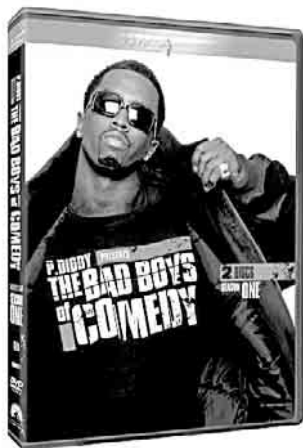
### THE HUCKLEBERRY HOUND SHOW: VOLUME ONE (\$45)

This show was the first animated series to win an Emmy, and this four-disk set offers a worthy tribute. The deep, rich tints of its restored colors make today's cartoons look watered down. And nothing is more colorful than the language of the blue-furred canine who talks in a Southern drawl and

ambles through misadventures as a policeman, big game hunter and cowboy with charming stoicism. Voice actor Daws Butler fires off lines "I'm a-fetchin' you in" and "You know, stufflike that thar" with nary a giggle. The set also features the antics of Yogi Bear and Boo-Boo. **NOTABLE EXTRA:** Linguistics expert "Theodore Rexford McGriffin III" pontificates on houndspeak staples like "if'n" and "thar." **IF YOU LIKE:** Hanna Barbera, clueless cats, monkeys with radar machines. K.T.

### P. DIDDY PRESENTS THE BAD BOYS OF COMEDY: SEASON ONE (\$27)

Open letter to P. Diddy: Next season, more comedy, less bad boy. The comedians in the first crop of this stand-up series are so stridently profane they forget they're supposed to be funny. And virtu-



ally every performer offers up some variation of the exhausted "Black people do this, white people do that" formula. Still, the potential is there. Mellow Miami-based comedian Malik confesses he's so cheap he takes women on fishing dates: "You hungry? Better concentrate, throw it out, reel it in." **NOTABLE EXTRAS:** In the "behind the scenes" clips, the comedians actually seem normal and funny. **IF YOU LIKE:** Counting profanities, people who yell into microphones,



## → Ewww and Ahhhh

Us Weekly knows well that the kissing cousin of fantasy is freakiness. You have only to observe the Olsen twins: They're hot, yet they look like monkeys. "Inside Hollywood: The Greatest Celebrity Photos from Us Weekly" (Wenner Books, \$40) is a study of this delicate balance, which is frequently upset by Tom Cruise. One spread alarmingly juxtaposes Denise Richards and Gwyneth Paltrow, each cradling a girlchild that looks as if the face of the father had been Photoshopped onto an infant. Another compares the wasted backs of allegedly eating disordered actresses. But just when you're ready to page Diane Arbus, along comes Jennifer Aniston to restore normalcy. HOLLY J. MORRIS (EXPRESS)

## BOOKS

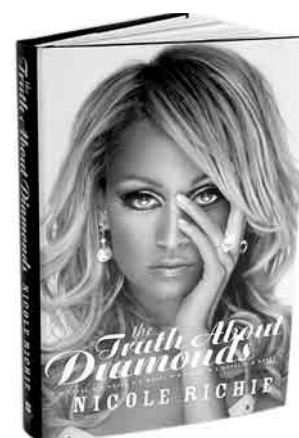
### WHY DO I LOVE THESE PEOPLE by Po Bronson (Random House, \$25)

With Thanksgiving and other holiday family gatherings on the horizon, this book could hardly be more timely. Bronson, author of the best-selling "What Should I Do with My Life?," interviewed 700 people for this book, a celebration of the ways that family relationships — tragedies and all — help people find their purpose in life. The book is

occasionally over-earnest, but the tales of the 19 families offer plenty genuine wisdom to get you through the Christmas season. **FIRST LINE:** "A few years back, a woman named Jeriann Massey was floating down a river on an inner tube when she got sucked into a hole on the back side of a water fall." **IF YOU LIKE:** Epiphanies, Stephen Spielberg movies. K.T.

### THE TRUTH ABOUT DIAMONDS by Nicole Richie (Regan Books, \$24)

Imagine someone with natural writing ability who was raised by wolves



and did not acquire language until her teens. This is how Nicole Richie writes. Ignore the plot — an L.A. club kid gains fame, goes to rehab and falls for a DJ. Read it for bitch-slaps like this one, about the Paris Hilton-esque Simone: "This was the first person she'd full-on hugged who wasn't naked and thrusting in her whole life." While this sentence would not survive a thorough diagramming, it does have flair. **FIRST LINE:** "Chloe Parker would be a terrible role model if she were famous." **IF YOU LIKE:** Blind items, outsider art, Jackie Collins, 16 pages of author photos. H.J.M.

### PREDATOR by Patricia Cornwell (Putnam, \$27)

You'd think that with all the buzz about forensic investigators on TV, Cornwell would seize the opportunity to expand the already sizeable audience for her Scarpetta mystery series. Not so, as this trite entry has the medical examiner solving bland missing person cases. The appearance of a second-rate Hannibal Lecter-like character make the proceedings even more banal, and the subplots with Scarpetta's niece Lucy (Do kids really belong in crime stories?) render this book D.O.A. **FIRST LINE:** "It is Sunday afternoon and Dr. Kay Scarpetta is in her office at the National Forensic Academy in



## → Snappy Towels

**TOWELS GIVE US YARDS OF FUZZY LOVE**, and how do we repay them? By leaving them crumpled in a wet heap on the floor. Do they not deserve better? "The Lost Art of Towel Origami" by Alison Jenkins (Andrew McMeel Publishing, \$15) shows how to make your bathtime buddy into the Chrysler Building, an elephant, a palm tree and a variety of other things God never meant towels to be. Directions are clear and diagrams helpful enough to allow our most craft-impaired tester make a pair of lips. She did not attempt the monkey, however, because it was scary. KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)



## Quidditch for the Mind

**QUEUE AT THE UPTOWN AND WATCH 'GOBLET OF FIRE.'** Repeat. Repeat. Then what are Harry Potter fans to do with the rest of the weekend? Well, they can be like Hermione and prove they know their Nicolas Flamel by challenging others to a round of "Harry Potter Scene It?" The latest incarnation of the DVD game is filled with clips from the first three movies (and some stills of the fourth), and comes with trivia cards that can be pretty specific: "In the film 'Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone,' how many eyes does Fluffy have?" (Six.) You don't need to have passed your OWLs to score on the DVD questions though, as many of them require you to watch a scene, then recall a small detail ("What musical instrument was in the room?"). True fans will probably pooh-pooh the regular version (\$40) and opt for the Deluxe Tin Edition (\$50), which boasts exclusive trading cards, two more collectible game pieces and 40 more questions. VICKY HALLETT (EXPRESS)

## VIDEO GAMES

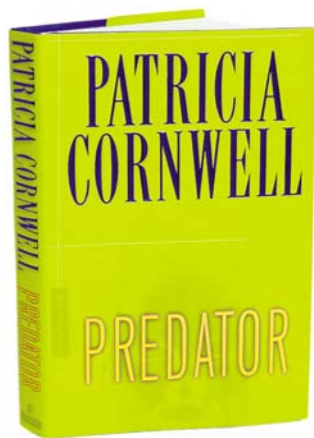


If you want to be pursued by this many police in D.C., have one drink at dinner.

**NEED FOR SPEED: MOST WANTED** (Electronic Arts, \$50, ages 13 and older)

So who knew that under the mild hatchback exterior of the Volkswagen Golf GTI beats the heart of a kick-ass street-racing

car? That's one lesson learned from a test drive of this latest edition of Electronic Arts drag-racing franchise. Driving game fans will dig the expansive features of Most Wanted's Career Mode, including cruising around the city for impromptu races and the challenge of climbing to No. 1 on the cops Blacklist 15. There's also impressively realistic scenery, from speed limit signs to Burger King restaurants, noticed mostly while you're crashing into them in a tricked-out, canary-yellow GTI with a spoiler on top. **IF YOU LIKE:** Games that start with "Don't try this at home" disclaimers, "The Fast and the Furious," listening to police-band radio. **IF YOU DON'T LIKE:** The Monday morning traffic, driving on the right side of the road. K.T.



## MUSIC

**WALK THE LINE: ORIGINAL MOTION PICTURE SOUND-TRACK** (Wind-Up, \$19)

Joaquin Phoenix and Reese Witherspoon not only play Johnny and wife June Carter Cash in "Walk the Line," they also did their own singing. "I don't like the idea of stopping everything and going to tape" was the director's rationale. That might be a good idea in a movie, but on a CD, not so much. While Cash sounded as if he really did shoot a man just to watch him die, Phoenix comes off more like an earnest high-school talent show contestant (although he does get points for nailing the Cash quaver). Witherspoon's flat on the ballads, but she perks up on the upbeat tunes. But the only performances truly worth savor-

ing on this CD are by real singers who act in the movie: Tyler Hilton's sultry channeling of Elvis and Waylon Malloy Payne's foot-stomping Jerry Lee Lewis. **NOTABLE EXTRA:** Witherspoon and Phoenix duet on "Jackson," a scene not in the movie but on this "enhanced CD." Her sassy charisma makes up for his wooden presence, especially when she lets her Tennessee roots show and sings "Comb your har." **IF YOU LIKE:** Karaoke night at the local country and western bar, anything Reese Witherspoon does.

MARC SILVER

**CONFESSIONS ON A DANCE FLOOR** by Madonna (Warner Brothers, \$15)

The new Madonna album really isn't that different from every other Madonna album: a few dance tracks, a pop ditty or two, and a song about a subject close to Madonna's heart (in this case Kabbalah, in "Isaac"). Yet by putting "dance floor" in the album title, the new CD is hailed as the singer's return to the boogie. Score yet another one for the queen of media manipulation. That said, what works on this disc is seductive, thanks to the sensibilities of dance music producer Stuart Price (a.k.a. Les Rhythmes Digitales). The lead-off single, "Hung Up," runs an Abba sample through an effects machine, creating a glide so uplifting it's like listening to AM radio in a UFO. **IF YOU DON'T LIKE:** Guitar solos, those spaces between songs on CDs. **IF YOU LIKE:** Disco balls, New York, The Jacksons' "Can You Feel It." K.T.



Reese is so talented! She can sing, act, raise children and even go brunette.

Hollywood, Florida, where clouds are building, promising another thunderstorm." **IF YOU LIKE:** Playing "Spot the Plot Hole." K.T.

**FLEDGLING** by Octavia E. Butler (Seven Stories Press, \$25)

Though she's generally consigned to the science fiction shelves, Butler has little regard for warp drives, tes-seracts, or other genre conventions. Her novels center on individuals who confront remarkable change. Here, it's Renee, a teen who wakes up in the woods with no memory of who she is or how she got there. But after she feasts on a few deer and bites a guy's neck, one thing's clear: She's a vampire. Butler steers clear of the excesses of Anne Rice's Lestat tales, but the familiar territory — vampire-wannabe cronies (here dubbed symbionts), nocturnal activity, biting — rob the book of the sense of discovery that usually illuminates her novels. **FIRST LINE:** "I awoke to darkness." **IF YOU LIKE:** First-person narratives, blood-sucking political tribes. K.T.



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## ...Bond

### ● Alexandria Scottish Preview.

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### ● Mount Vernon By Candlelight

**Tour.** Tour George and Martha's candlelit mansion, meet historical characters and gorge on free cookies and cider. 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway; Fri., Sat. and Sun., Nov. 25 to Dec. 11, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., \$15 for adults, \$8 for kids 11 and under; 703-780-2000; mountvernon.org.

### ● The Norwegian Christmas at Union Station Festival.

The bicentennial-celebratin' nation brings you a giant model train (from one side, it's a modern Norwegian landscape; from the other, it's a 100-year-old village), a treelighting ceremony, concerts and, of course, an exhibit of contemporary Norwegian design. 40 Massachusetts Ave. NE; Tue., Nov. 29, 6 p.m., free; norway.org. (Union Station)

### ● "Rip Van Winkle" and Other

**Musical Tales.** Leonard Slatkin conducts the season's first National Symphony Orchestra's Family Concert of the season. Brian Stokes Mitchell narrates a new musical rendition of Washington Irving's tale. Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; Sun., Nov. 20, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., \$15-\$18; 202-467-4600; kennedy-center.org. (Foggy Bottom-GWU)

### ● "A Year With Frog and Toad."

The titular characters careen through this 2003 Tony nominee for best musical. Will Gartshore, who plays Frog, recently played Bobby Strong in "Urinetown," so this has got to be a change for him. Round House Theater, 4595 East-



Frog (Will Gartshore, top) and Toad (Steve Tipton) are cute for amphibians.

West Highway, Bethesda; through Dec. 11., \$18-\$50; 240-644-1100; roundhouse.org. (Bethesda)

## ...Date

### ● An Evening of Burlesque and Gender Performance.

Curated by D.C.'s very own Kitty Victorian, this seductive cabaret featuring four burlesque performers, four drag queens and four drag kings will certainly get your date thinking about sex, but in an academic way. It's part of the series "Hey, Is That a Boy or a Girl?" (through Dec. 4). Worry if you have to ask that question about your date, however. Warehouse Theater, 1017-21 7th St. NW; Fri., Nov. 18, 10 p.m., \$7; 202-783-3933; warehousetheater.com. (Mount Vernon Square/Gallery Place-Chinatown)

### ● Waltz Time's 10th Anniversary

**Waltz.** Grinding at a club might be what you want to do, but if you'd like a second date, classier footwork is the way to go. Brush up on your moves during the instruction ses-

sion at 3 p.m. Glen Echo Park's Spanish Ballroom, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo; Sun., Nov. 20, 3 p.m.-6 p.m., \$8 per person; dancedc.com.

### ● Ice Skating at the National

**Gallery of Art.** Skating's a win-win: Either you wow your date with your prowess or you fall all over the place and get the sympathy vote. And then you get to snuggle. It's the best. 7th Street and Constitution Avenue NW; Nov. 19 through mid-March, Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m. to 11 p.m., Sun. 11 p.m. to 9 p.m., \$7 adults, \$6 students/seniors; 202-289-3360; nga.gov. (Judiciary Square)

### ● 'Wir.' How can you seem smart

but not have to hold your own in a conversation? Foreign films! Part of the "Young and German" series, this flick follows a gang of school friends facing the real world in Berlin. Maintain the angst over some schnitzel at Café Mozart (1331 H St. NW). Goethe-Institut, 812 7th St. NW; Mon., Nov. 28, 6:30 p.m., \$6; 202-289-1200; goethe.de/ins/us/was. (Mount Vernon Square/Gallery Place-Chinatown)

### ● Rockapella Holiday Show.

The a cappella all-stars are best known for their stint as the "house band" on "Where in The World is Carmen Sandiego?" Impress your sweetie with your incredible geographic knowledge and appreciation for five-part harmony. *The Birchmere*, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria; Wed., Nov. 30, 7:30 p.m., \$35; 800-511-7328; birchmere.com.

**DATE TO AVOID:** The Titan Arum Plant. Sure, you think a rare plant that's going on display for only the second time in D.C.'s history is a conversation starter. But if you get there for the two-day time frame when it blooms (which could happen as soon as Sunday), the gigantic vegetation will smell like rotting meat. U.S. Botanic Garden Conservatory, 100 Maryland Ave. SW; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., free; 202-633-1000. (Federal Center)



## Prance With Me

Man, all the Royal Lipizzaner stallions need are horns on their foreheads and they'd be perfect. The Spanish Riding School of Vienna's horses are the kind of steeds knights ride in on, and they haven't visited the U.S. in 15 years. They move in tight formation, balance on their hind legs and trot in place—which isn't easy if you're a horse. (MCI Center, 601 F St. NW; Sat. & Sun., Nov. 19-20, \$38-\$153; 202-628-3200; Mount Vernon Square/Gallery Place-Chinatown). Other prancing: Horses frolic with acrobats at Cavalia (cavalia.net), and if you want a stud who's not a horse, Michael Flatley's "Celtic Tiger" comes to the Patriot Center, Sat., Nov. 26. (celtictigerlive.com).



This 17th-century Japanese vase is part of the "Freer and Tea" exhibition.

## ...Learn

● **Peter Ackroyd.** This Brit author's "Shakespeare: The Biography" tackles everything about the Bard. Ask him about his assertion that the playwright got fat in later life. Folger Shakespeare Library, 201 East Capitol St. SE; Mon., Nov. 21, 7:30 p.m., \$15; 202-544-7077; folger.edu. (Capitol South)

● **Freer and Tea: 100 Years of the Book of Tea.** You may sip the hot beverage at Teatism, but do you grasp its cultural significance? You'll learn here amidst Charles Lang Freer's 350 Japanese, Korean, and Chinese tea ceremony ceramics. Also new: "Artists of Edo 1800-1850" at the Sackler Gallery. Freer Gallery of Art, Jefferson Drive at 12th St. SW; starts Sat., Nov. 19, free; 202-633-4880; www.asia.si.edu. (Smithsonian)

● **Secrets of Longevity.** A National Geographic reporter and photographer were dispatched to find out why some people get really old. Learn how you can be like the elderly men of Sardinia, the ancient women of Okinawa or the AARP members of Loma Linda, Calif. 1600 M St. NW; Wed., Nov. 30, 7:30 p.m., \$17 non-members, \$14 members; 202-857-

## WHERE TO WEAR ITEMS TO BLEND IN OR STAND OUT

### 'Rent' (The Movie)

Opens Wednesday, Nov. 23. Nothing says "hot young artist shivering in the cold of her unheated squatter's apartment in the East Village in the early 1990s at the height of the AIDS epidemic as she looks for love and battles her inner demons/drug addiction while singing in a rock opera inspired by 'La Boheme'" like arm warmers. They're practi-



cality for the impractical diva who wants to wear a spandex tank dress to the Christmas party, but finds goosebumps undignified. Hot Topic has a wide selection (\$15 per pair, see hottopic.com for stores), ranging from the punk to the quasi-Madonna. Even if you're as old as the original 1996 "Rent" cast—all but two of whom are reprising their roles—you'll feel spry enough to sing "No Day But Today" with the naivete of your lost youth. HOLLY J. MORRIS (EXPRESS)



7700; [nationalgeographic.com/nglive](http://nationalgeographic.com/nglive). (Farragut North)

● **Travel with Babies.** Heavy sedation is not the answer. Learn to keep your kiddie content (and thus, quiet) on planes, cars, trains and boats. 6161 Fuller Ct., Alexandria; Sat., Nov. 19, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., \$25 per couple; [thebabyduck.com](http://thebabyduck.com).

## ...Spend

● **National Geographic Sale.** Choose from nearly 600 products, including books, maps and toys. D.C. Armory, 2001 E. Capitol St. NE; Fri., Nov. 18, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sat. & Sun., Nov. 19-20, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; free; [nationalgeographic.com](http://nationalgeographic.com). (DC Armory)

● **Tax-Free Shopping in D.C.** Just for shoes, clothing and accessories \$100 or less. Nov. 25-Dec. 4.

● **Simon Day of Giving.** An event

walk can help you burn calories. Visit with Santa from 12:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. and enjoy a tree lighting and singalong at 6 p.m. Markey Street and Freedom Drive, Reston; Fri., Nov. 25, 11 a.m., free. [restontowncenter.com](http://restontowncenter.com).

● **Pre-Thanksgiving Dance Party.** Boogie Rive Gauche-style to salsa, hip-hop, Middle Eastern and fusion dance hits. Leftbank Bistro, 2424 18th St. NW; Wed., Nov. 23, 9 p.m., \$8 with online reservation, \$12 without; [internationalclubdc.com](http://internationalclubdc.com). (Woodley Park-Zoo/Adams Morgan)

● **5k Thanksgiving Day Trot for Hunger.** All proceeds help the homeless. Little and big pilgrims are invited to participate (and get a T-shirt). Ohio Drive between Independence Avenue and West Basin Drive SW; Fri., Nov. 24, 8:30 a.m., \$20; 202-797-8806; [some.org](http://some.org). (shuttle from Metro Center)

● **Everything But the Turkey Thanksgiving Community**



Hook kids on paleontology early with items from National Geographic's sale.

ticket (which benefits several non-profits) gets you a variety of discounts at Pentagon City mall. 1100 South Hayes St., Arlington; Sun., Nov. 20, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., \$10; 703-415-2400; [simon.com](http://simon.com). (Pentagon City)

● **Sugarloaf Crafts Festival.** Buying something handmade is almost as good as making it yourself! Over 500 artisans are here to help. 16 Chestnut Street, Gaithersburg; Nov. 18-20, \$7; [sugarloaforcrafts.com](http://sugarloaforcrafts.com).

## ...Give Thanks

● **Thanksgiving Day Yoga.** Stretch, then stuff. Donations will be collected to benefit Bethesda Cares, Inc. Tranquil Space Yoga, 7475 Wisconsin Ave, Suite 8, Bethesda; Thu., Nov. 24, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m., free. 202-223-9642; [tranquilspace.com](http://tranquilspace.com). (Bethesda)

● **Reston Town Center Holiday Parade.** Watching other people

**Service Feast.** D.C.'s Jewish Community Center is preparing a movable feast to feed over 4,000 of the city's homeless. 1529 16th St. NW; Mon., Nov. 21 and Wed., Nov. 23, 5 p.m.-9 p.m., \$10 to cover costs; 202-518-9400 ext. 581; [dcjcc.org](http://dcjcc.org). (Dupont Circle)

● **Turkey TAINT Gay and Lesbian Dance Party.** It's just like regular Sunday night TAINT only with a guest DJ named Cobra who spins a diverse array of electro, new wave, and rock. DC9, 1940 9th St. NW; Thu., Nov. 24, doors open at 9:30 p.m., free; 202-483-5000; [dcnine.com](http://dcnine.com)

● **Thanksgiving Basket Delivery.** Help the Northwest Settlement House assemble and distribute Thanksgiving baskets to senior citizens. Call to volunteer. 474 Ridge St. NW; Tue., Nov. 22, 2 p.m.-7 p.m., Wed. Nov. 23, 7 a.m.-7 p.m.; 202-638-0072; [nwsh.org](http://nwsh.org). (Mt. Vernon Square/Gallery Place-Chinatown)

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## Tracy Runfola, Scott Tressler

Tracy, 32, is a research associate for the Council of Chief State School Officers. Scott, 34, is a project manager for Toll Brothers Home Builders. They live in Kensington.

**WEDDING:** Dec. 10 at a hotel in Key West, Fla. It's an ultra-casual affair — the men will be wearing island shirts and flip-flops, and they're expecting 70 people.

**HONEYMOON:** They're waiting a few months, then heading off to a "secluded island somewhere."

**FIRST IMPRESSIONS:** Long-lasting — Tracy had a crush on Scott through-

out high school, where they were two years apart.

**FIRST DATE:** Drinks at the Park Bench Pub in Cleveland Park.

**HOW HE PROPOSED:** Scott told Tracy they were going out to dinner, but he'd actually reserved a room at a Middleburg, Va., bed and breakfast. Tracy spent the whole drive talking about how Scott would never be able to pull off a surprise proposal. "I had no idea that he had the ring in his pocket at that very moment," she said.

**MOST HATED CLOTHING ITEM:** Scott's red-rhinestone-covered Elvis suit.

**PROCESSIONAL:** "Suggestions would be helpful at this point."

**MMMM, CAKE:** No cake. They'll have Key Lime pie for dessert.

**“We often fight over which bagel shop to go to in the morning.”**

## 24-Carrot Gold

**THE 'HOT GUY' IN HER ROW** at a Jimmy Buffett concert was all Julia Staunton could think about when she first saw Adam Hardinger. Even though she was on a date with someone else, she managed to snag his card, and soon they were on a date of their own: hiking the Billy Goat Trail in Great Falls. Adam stuck with the outdoorsy theme for the proposal, deciding to pop the question in the community garden at Jones Point Park. Before a trip to their garden plot, he bought a few small carrots, slipped the ring around one and stuck them in the dirt. But when Julia arrived, all she wanted to do was weed, and she wouldn't touch the carrots. After much urging, she finally pulled the lucky veggie. "I started crying and jumping up and down and hugging him," said Julia. "Then he looked really hurt and said, 'Stop jumping on the beets!' He grew up on a farm and he's very protective of his produce."

Adam, 30, is a radio engineer with Clear Channel, and Julia is an attorney with Williams & Connolly. They live in Alexandria and will marry Dec. 3 at the Sandals resort in St. Lucia.



## Tamara Clark, Coleman Mehta

Tammy, 24, is a neonatal intensive care registered nurse. Coleman, 23, is a Presidential Management Fellow at the Department of Homeland Security. They live in Arlington.

**WEDDING:** Nov. 26 at an Episcopal church in Charlotte, N.C., with the groom's uncle officiating. The ceremony will be followed by a semi-formal reception for 140 guests.

**HONEYMOON:** After Hurricane Wilma nixed plans for the Mayan Riviera, they decided to head to Jamaica.

**HOW THEY MET:** On the University of Virginia's rowing team.

**FIRST DATE:** "We were very good friends for about a year before we actually started dating, and at some point we just became a couple."

**HOW HE PROPOSED:** Over a home-cooked steak dinner, with Tammy

**“I met her entire family within the first two weeks of us actually dating.”**

## Johnny Devereaux, Alene Riley

Johnny, 35, is a research and development engineer at Micron Incorporated. Alene, 26, is a budget analyst for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of the Chief Financial Officer. They will live in Springfield, Va.

**WEDDING:** Nov. 19 at Ashton Gardens in Houston, with a 26-person wedding party and at least 200 guests.

**HONEYMOON:** A seven-day Caribbean cruise.

**HOW THEY MET:** At an Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity poetry happy hour in Austin, Texas.

**FATE?** Johnny drove Alene to her car after the happy hour, and she accidentally left her cell phone in his truck. So they had to see each other again.

**FIRST MOVIE:** "The Sum of All



Fears"

**HOW HE PROPOSED:** On one knee at the Thomas Jefferson Memorial.

**PROCESSIONAL:** Alene will walk

down the aisle to "Forever" by Jaheim, which has "simple but powerful lyrics about love and commitment, two principles that we hold dearly."

**MMMM, CAKE:** The chocolate groom's cake will "look like a scene out of Egypt, complete with a pyramid, flowing river, with writing, colors and designs symbolic to his fraternity."

**WITH INFINITE BUDGET ...** "I would have hired a fabulous coordinator to handle the details," said Alene. "It's hard to plan afar, work, prepare for marriage, and have a life."

still in her scrubs.

**STUPEDEST FIGHT:** One's a staunch Democrat, the other a sworn Republican. "Let's just say 2004 had its highlights."

**MOST HATED CLOTHING ITEM:** "Coleman only has two pairs of jeans, and he wears them pretty much year round."

**FAMILY TRADITION:** Tammy's older brother also rowed at Virginia and married a fellow rower. Tammy's younger sister rowed at Virginia and "therefore has a very small pool of suitors from which to choose."

**CUTESY NICKNAME:** Tammy sings "You're a COLE-man" to the tune of Sam & Dave's "I'm a Soul Man."

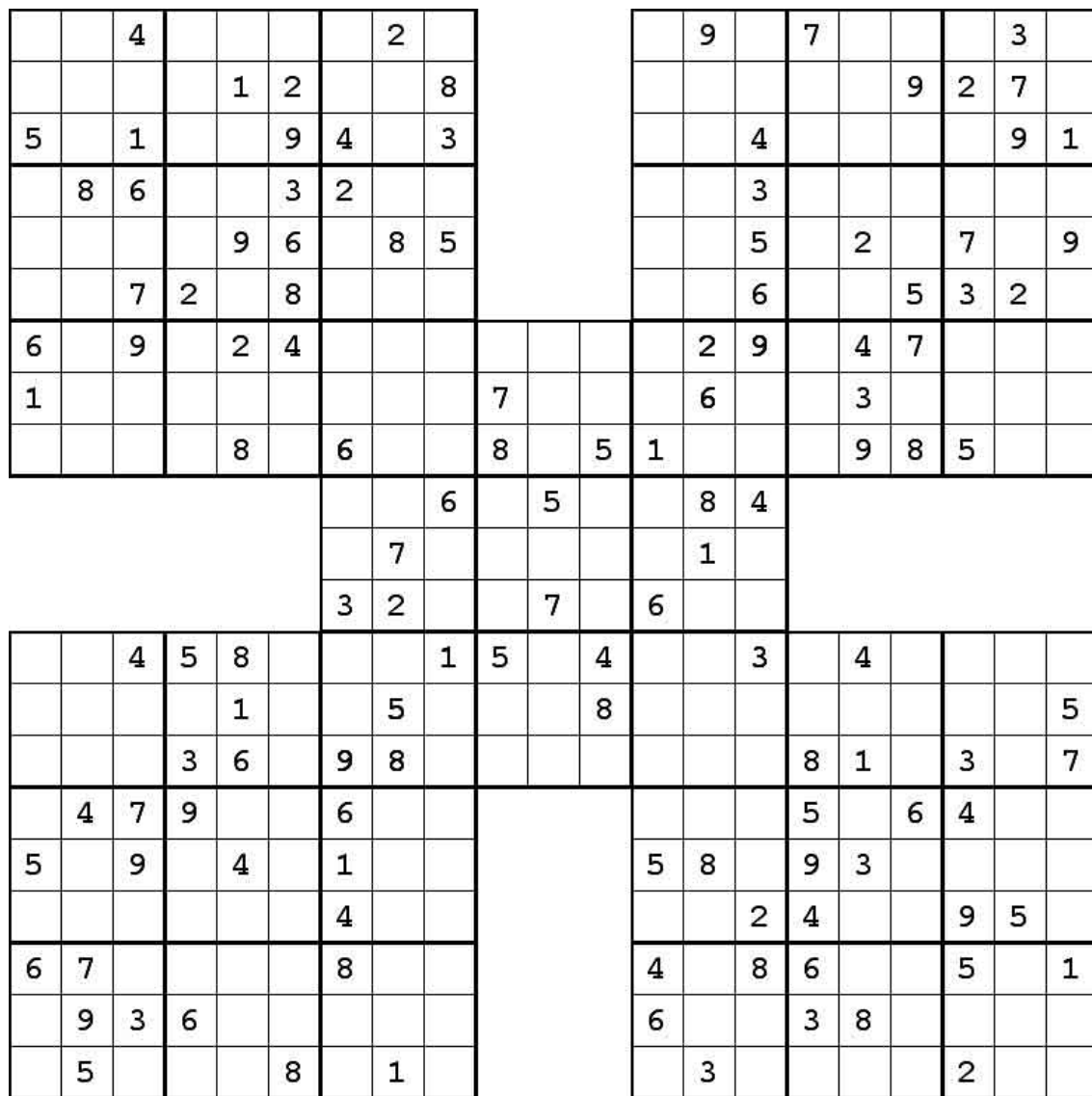
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## Standard Sudoku too easy for you? Take a swing at Samurai

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Out of the small, strange world of advanced Sudoku variants (be glad we didn't choose the circular version), we've selected Samurai Sudoku to consume your weekend and mock your intellect.

In Japan, Samurai Sudoku is called *gattai 5 Sudoku* — or “five merged Sudokus.”

The rules are the same as in the popular Sudoku puzzles that appear in *Express* and *The Washington Post* each weekday.

As with standard Sudoku, the Samurai version requires no math, just logic, reasoning ... and an iron will. The goal is to fill in each column, row and 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9 without repeating any. The twist in Samurai Sudoku is that the digits that appear in the overlapping boxes must work for both puzzles.

We're starting you off with an

easy version — though “easy” may be a bit of a stretch. In a few weeks we’ll start throwing tougher puzzles your way.

A piece of advice to get you started: Don't focus on completing one grid at a time. Keep the whole puzzle in mind as you go, because filling in a number in one grid could give you clues to another.

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Good luck ... and enjoy.

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## CONDOLiving

# Condo Regulations: Built by Association

### For rules and repairs, condo boards hold the keys to power

Judi Stephenson was thrilled when she purchased her condo in November 2004. Buying her own home in Burke, Va., was a rewarding accomplishment for her.

Then her patio became a pond. "The first hard rain that we had I noticed the water pooled all the way up to my sliding glass doors," Stephenson said. "That startled me because it came so close to coming in."

She didn't know it when she purchased the place, but there was a problem with the drainage on her patio. A handicapped ramp had covered the problem area. When Stephenson reported it to the condo manager, she wasn't happy with his

initial response.

"Originally he thought it was a cosmetic issue and it didn't seem to be a high priority," she said. "That made me nervous because I've lived in Florida; I know how much damage water can do."

Stephenson wrote letters and revisited the issue with her condo association every month when she paid her fees. That, according to the experts, was absolutely the right thing to do.

"The theme to all of this is communication," said Thomas Schild, an attorney who represents condominium associations in Maryland and D.C.

"It's all about sharing information. Most of the time you can work it out."

The Community Associations Institute estimates that more than 54 million Americans live in some

type of association-governed community, including condos.

When you get that many people living in close quar-

**"Originally he thought it was a cosmetic issue and it didn't seem to be a high priority."**


JUDI STEPHENSON OF BURKE, VA., ON HER CONDO MANAGER'S INITIAL RESPONSE TO A POOL OF WATER OUTSIDE HER DOOR

ters, there are bound to be differences of opinion over everything from pets to pool maintenance.

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Judi Stephenson points to the drain her Burke, Va., condo association spent \$3,000 to put in after she found a pool of water outside her sliding glass door.



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**Disputes:** Noise disputes are among the most difficult to solve because they're not quantifiable. Say your next door neighbor thinks of himself as a piano virtuoso; you think he can't find a tune in a bucket.

"One person's symphony is another person's noise," said Schild. You might not be able to keep his fingers off the keys completely but you should be allowed to get a good night's sleep. "It's important to document the time of day [that the disturbance occurs]. Noise that is acceptable at 3 p.m. is not acceptable at 3 a.m."

Once you've got a record of the racket, take the information to your condo's homeowners association (HOA) or board of directors. If they believe there is a potential violation, they'll send a letter to the offending unit owner explaining the complaint and requesting that the



Judi Stephenson, pictured outside her Burke, Va., home with her daughter Ashton, says working with her condo association made her want to get more involved with it.

noise stop, or at least be limited to reasonable hours.

All of this should be spelled out in your condo's governing documents or CC&R, which is not a reference to an early '70s rock band. It stands for Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions, and you should have received a copy when you took ownership of your unit.

"The purchaser should buy with their eyes open, knowing they'll be subject to those rules," said Stan Wrobel, a lawyer who deals with condo agreements in both D.C. and Maryland. "Unfortunately a lot of people didn't read them first and that's where the bad feelings come from."

If you disagree with a restriction in your governing documents, your hands aren't completely tied.

For instance, if you decide you need a pooch for protection but your covenants restrict pets, you can appeal it. Don't expect it to be overturned easily, though.

"You can go to the board. Maybe they have the authority to grant a

variance in some cases or you can ask for a rule change, which usually calls for a vote from the association," Wrobel said.

But if there are people in the building who are hyper-allergic

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to pets, are you bound by that rule even though you are fearful living without a dog? "The answer is yes. You are governed by that rule. Your choice is to sell and move."

While you may have trouble  
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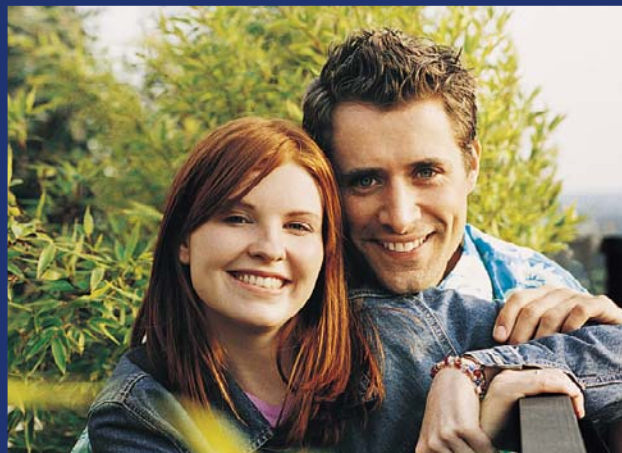
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getting a policy changed to suit you, your condo board may elect to change the rules after you move in and there's not much you can do.

According to Wrobel, "It's a governing process. It's no different than moving into your neighborhood and then the county changes the law. As long as it's adopted legally with notice and a vote, and is properly adopted by the board, you are bound by the change. It's just like living in a democracy or a town hall meeting-style of government."

**Maintenance:** Say there's been a broken streetlight in front of your unit for months. Don't assume the HOA is ignoring it. "It may be something they weren't aware of, or it may be something that doesn't yet have funds allocated for repairs," said Schild.

Make sure your association knows of the problem; they can't repair it if they're in the dark about it. But regardless of whether you're reporting a broken light or Burke Lake on your patio, there's a protocol to sharing that information.

"It is critically important that the owner put everything in writing and make doubly sure that the owner's position is truly sound," said Judge William Huss, coauthor of "Working with Your Homeowners Association: A Guide to Effective Community Living."

Then it is up to the board to take appropriate action according to the governing documents, which typically include paying for repairs with funds from your monthly association fees.

The HOA is also responsible for ensuring things like the maintenance of the exterior grounds. If they're not keeping it up to snuff, Huss said, "bring it to the Board's agenda [via] a letter. If that is futile, notify the board that they are forcing you to seek legal counsel."

A broken streetlight is one thing, but if there are major repair issues in your condo community, you're on the hook. New roofs or a lobby makeover can become important budgetary issues.

"If the building needs expensive

repairs, [the cost] has to be shared by all of the owners," Wrobel said. "If your assessment share is several thousand dollars, you can't say, 'I can't afford it.'"

**Leadership:** If you disagree with how the board rules on a dispute, you may still have options. Many boards arrange for alternative dispute resolution, known as ADR, in

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which impartial condo owners are brought together to suggest a compromise. If no owners are willing to serve, or if the issue is serious enough, trained mediators may step in.

Boards are elected. If you feel your board is not representing the best interests of your community, the ball's in your court.

"If they're not acting appropriately, elect different people," said Schild. "Typically at least one or two board slots come open every year."

Can't wait? "In extreme circumstances, you can follow protocol to remove directors, like an impeachment." Sound political? It is. But it also may be the only way to get your peace of mind — and your dispute resolved.

Judi Stephenson was lucky. Her association recognized the problem and footed the nearly \$3,000 bill to repair her patio. Today, she's happy with her home and her HOA, and she's even looking forward to becoming active in the association.

"I wasn't in the past, but now I want to do this type of thing. I want to be involved," she said. "The [resolution] made me feel like I am a part of this community."

LYNN THORNE



# Only the Good Buy Young

## D.C.'s a tough market for the under-30 set. How some cracked it

Paul Newland stood in the newly updated kitchen of a Germantown townhouse on a recent afternoon. It was Sunday, open house day. The price tag on this one was \$280,000.

Newland, who works at the State Department, liked the place — the finished basement, hardwood floors, the big fenced-in back yard. But he was worried. He had just lent his girlfriend a couple of thousand dollars, so his liquidity was seriously in doubt.

Still, Newland was determined to buy. Though just 30 years old, he was worried that time was running out.

"I feel like if I don't buy now, I'll never be able to live in Washington," Newland said. "And if I don't do it now, nothing will be in my range."

The Washington area's booming housing market and a strong econo-

my that keeps producing high-paying professional jobs have created a new breed of home buyer. Like Newland, they are in their twenties to early thirties and have come of age in an era when six-way bidding wars are standard. Their mantra

**"I feel like if I don't buy now, I'll never be able to live in Washington."**

PAUL NEWLAND, 30, AS HE CONSIDERED BIDDING ON A \$280,000 CONDO IN GERMANTOWN, MD.

is buy now — condos, townhouses, suburban colonials — or get left in the dust. And many are relying on creative financing — from interest-only loans to going in with their roommates — to make sure they don't miss out.

Young buyers' "willingness to  
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First-time home-buyer Paul Newland, right, tours a townhouse in Germantown, Md., with real estate agent Adam Iobst, who deals almost solely with new buyers.

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consider taking financial risks is much, much higher than it used to be," said Keene Taylor Jr. of Taylor Foster real estate, whose firm has worked with a handful of clients under the age of 25. "They're not in a position where taking a chance is

"They're not in a position where taking a chance is as scary as for somebody who's got kids at home to feed."

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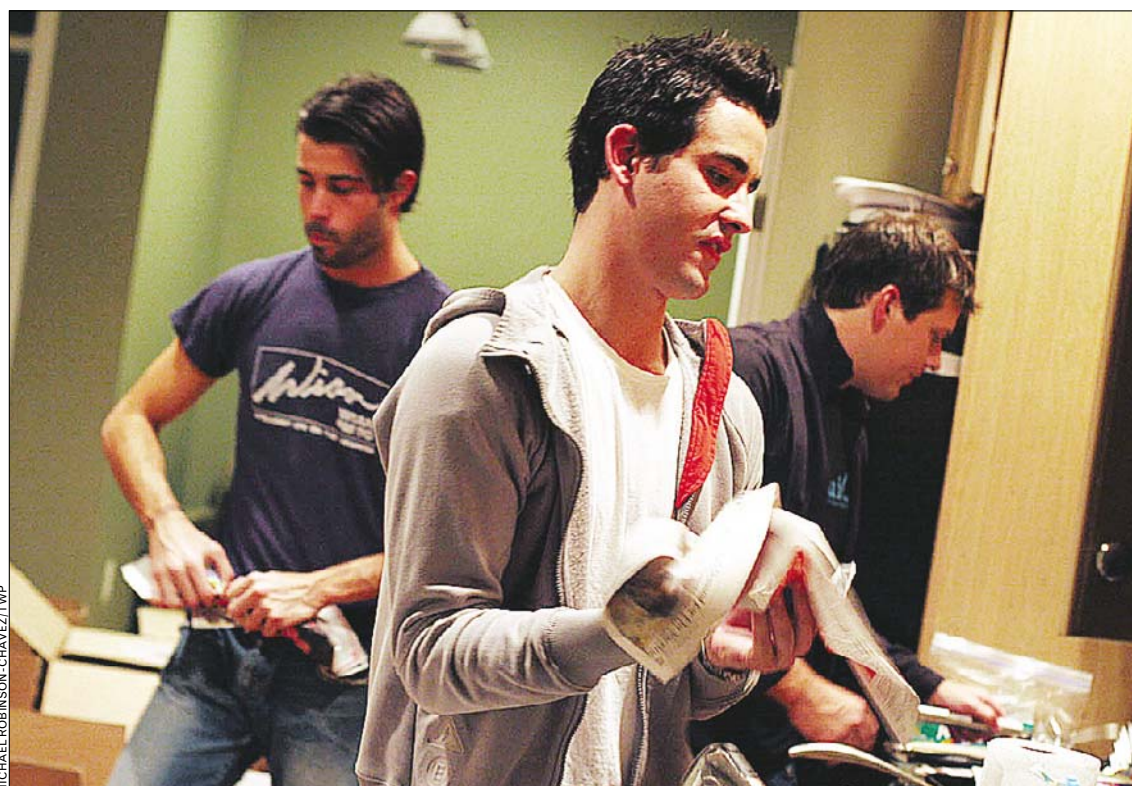
as scary as for somebody who's got kids at home to feed."

Home buyers between the ages of 18 and 34 made up 39 percent of the market last year, according to the most recent data from the National Association of Realtors. And 12 percent of first-time home buyers were younger than 25.

Similar statistics from the Washington area are not available, but anecdotal evidence suggests that real estate fever — even at a time when the local market seems to be softening — is not just something for baby boomers and Generation X.

Dissecting mortgages has become a hot topic of conversation in the local bar scene. Friends compete for bragging rights in snaring the lowest interest rate. Social groups like District-based Professionals in the City have added home-buying seminars to their lineup of happy hours, speed dating and trips to Iceland.

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Casey Patten, 25, center, Justin Cook, 27, right, and David Mazza, 27, left, all went in on a \$600,000 house in the up-and-coming LeDroit Park neighborhood of Northwest Washington. Now they're planning to move out of the house and pocket the profits.

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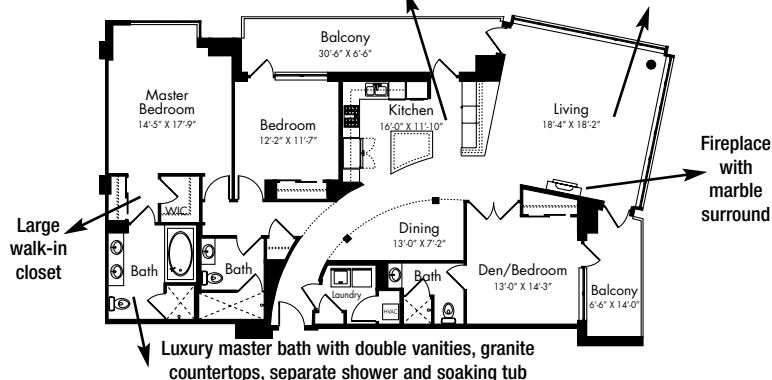
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Justin Cook and David Mazza prepare to move out of their LeDroit Park home. They started their real estate ventures with a condo in Old Town Alexandria in 2002.

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Everyone, it seems, has a friend like Elizabeth Goldman, who works in marketing and public relations, and at age 26 is on her second home.

Goldman bought her first condo in 2003, when she was 24, with money saved up from lifeguarding in high school and savings bonds from her grandparents because she couldn't shake the feeling that she was wasting money paying rent for an apartment in Centreville.

"I figured, hey, I could probably afford to buy something."

**"It's not like** we're going to live here forever. We're just in it to make some cash."

JUSTIN COOK, 27, WHO OWNS A \$600,000 HOUSE IN LEDROIT PARK WITH THREE OF HIS CLOSE FRIENDS

After boning up on real estate jargon and ditching a lender who refused to use e-mail, Goldman clinched a contract on a 625-square-foot, one-bedroom condo in McLean for \$157,000. She put down 5 percent, mortgaged 80 percent and took out a line of credit for the remaining 15 percent. She sold

it last summer for \$300,000.

Now she is living in a \$425,000 three-bedroom, two-level condo in Falls Church. To keep her monthly payments low, Goldman financed it all with an interest-only mortgage that will balloon in seven years.

For an age group that's highly mobile and not ready to settle down, a house or a condo is an investment more than a home. Many plan to move again within two or three years. Despite the setbacks and frustrations they must often go through to land a place, they seem to have little emotional attachment to their homes.

Indeed, there is little practical difference between living in an apartment and owning a house for longtime friends Casey Patten, 25; Justin Cook, 27; and David Mazza, 27, who all work in commercial real estate and own a \$600,000 house in the up-and-coming neighborhood of LeDroit Park. The four-story mansion has five bedrooms, two kitchens and Jacuzzi tubs in all but one of the house's five bathrooms.

"It's not like we're going to live here forever," Cook said. "We're just in it to make some cash."

"And not pay rent," Mazza added.

Mazza and Cook bought a two-bedroom condo together in Old Town Alexandria in 2002 for \$149,000. Cook's grandparents lent them the money to pay for it for only 5 percent down. But it wasn't long before that place seemed

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cramped, and they eventually sold it for nearly \$230,000. They brought in Patten, and like a bunch of guys splitting season tickets to the Nationals, they went in on a house together in 2003, splitting the down payment, mortgage and bills three ways.

Now they're moving again. "When your house sale's return is comparable to your day job's salary every one to two years, moving is no big deal," Mazza said in an e-mail.

Not everyone enters the market so painlessly. Some real estate brokers even write off young buyers as not worth the trouble. After all, there are no shortage of clients in Washington's hot housing market, and this demographic comes with several strikes against it. Many young people have small savings, large college debts and short credit histories.

That's partly why Adam Iobst got into the business in the first place.

Iobst made a smart investment on a home in Germantown four years ago when he was just 26. That's when he realized the potential of the market for young buyers — and the real estate agents willing to cater to them.

He said his clients typically come with a long wish list of amenities: three bedrooms, a fenced back yard, in Rockville, near a Metro station and close to good schools — just in case. All for about \$1,200 a month.

Iobst said he makes it a practice

not to laugh. Instead, he punches the request into a database of available homes so his clients can see what comes up — usually, it's nothing.

"It's all about managing expectations with regards to what people can really afford," Iobst says. "Sometimes we start looking at houses in Rockville and before we know it, we're out in Frederick."

In Maryland, for example, the median starter home price in 2001 was \$117,801, according to the Maryland Association of Realtors. By June 2004, that fig-

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DAVID MAZZA, 27, ON  
BUYING A HOUSE WITH  
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ure had rocketed to \$214,446 — an increase of 82 percent.

For those without high-paying jobs or financial help from their families, the timing could hardly be worse for finding a house. Many have been priced out of the market or confronted with two choices — a less expensive neighborhood in the city or farther and farther out in the suburbs.

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Roommates Justin Cook, left, David Mazza and Casey Patten pack boxes as they move out of the Northwest D.C. home they bought together in 2003.

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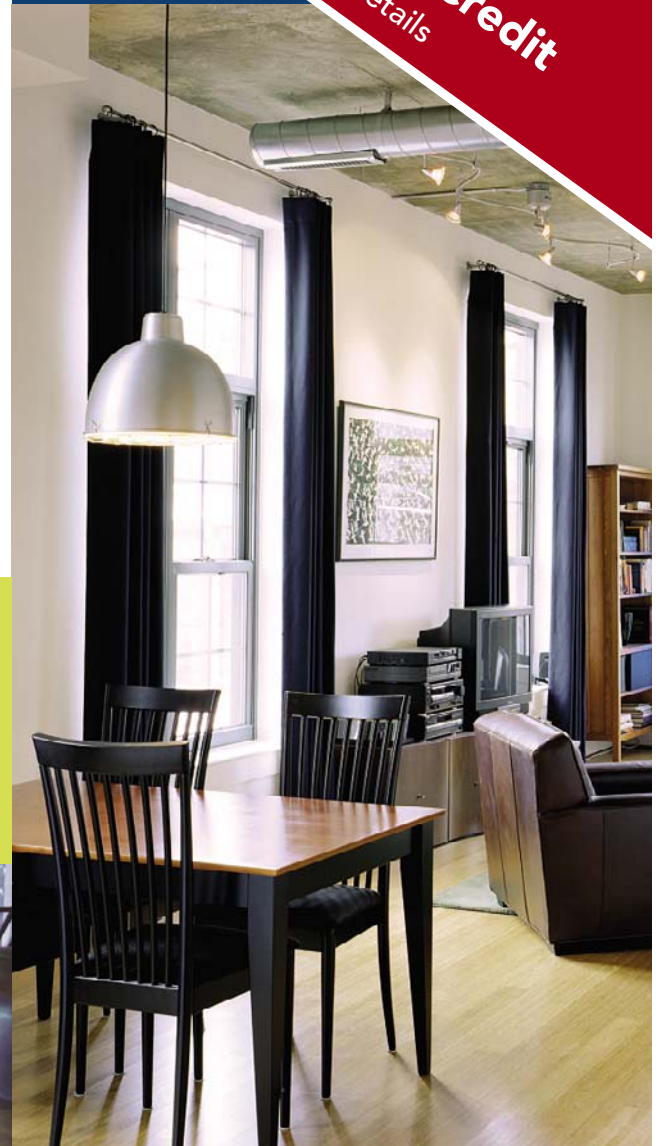
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Bianca Ashton, a 23-year-old District resident who works at TV One, wanted to stay in the city but didn't want to pay more than \$150,000. She had a long search. In July, Ashton found a condo building in Northeast within her price range that was being renovated, and last month she got the call she had been waiting for. A contract on a 700-square-foot one-bedroom had fallen through, so Ashton could have it. Settlement is tentatively planned for November.

"I didn't want to go out there and rent," she said. "I feel like renting is a waste of money."

Danielle Mariabelli's teacher's salary and her husband's income as a security officer took them in the other direction — out. They opted to live in Frederick County, where they could get a three-bedroom house with a back yard for \$218,000.

"It's either eat ramen noodles and have a nicer place, or be able to eat out once in a while," said Mariabelli, 25.

Bryce Beckner has not been so lucky in Calvert County. The 23-year-old, who works at a building supply company, said he's not willing to compromise on what he wants: a rambling three-bedroom with a basement he could rent out.

His lender preapproved him for \$200,000, but Beckner thinks that's more than he can really pay. But none of the houses that he has looked at are below \$275,000, and he's worried he may have to leave his home town for some place foreign, like North Carolina.

"For me, the next step is buying a house," he said. "I can't just live with my parents. I have to be my own man now."

Iobst recommends a few tricks to help his young clients stay competitive. One is to have their parents take over monthly bills for a few months so their bank accounts can stay full — making it appear to lenders that the buyers really do have the cash on hand to seal the deal.

Still, he said that the bidding process can sometimes be his inexperienced clients' downfall.

"It gets very competitive," he said. "The competition takes over. You become willing to give in to

terms that you're not comfortable with, and that's when you make mistakes."

Falling too in love with a house — or the idea of a house — can be costly in the long run. Interest-only or adjustable rate mortgages are structured for lower payments — at least initially. But if interest rates soar after a few years, as they have been known to do, monthly payments could double.

Already, there are some signs that the Washington market could be slowing down, and some analysts think it peaked months ago. If owners try to sell their homes when the market has cooled off, they could wind up owing more than it's worth.

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BIANCA ASHTON, 23, WHO FOUND A 700-SQUARE-FOOT ONE-BEDROOM IN NORTHEAST UNDER \$150,000

Sometimes, the risk seems too great. Jeremias Alvarez, 26, engaged in some fancy financial footwork to win a contract over the summer on a \$450,000 two-bedroom condo in the District's rapidly gentrifying U Street corridor.

He planned to finance 100 percent of the cost with no money down. But that meant his closing costs totaled about \$15,000, and he was considering borrowing against his retirement plan to pay for it. That plus renting out a bedroom and maybe even getting a part-time job to supplement his government salary.

But then, in a moment of clarity, Alvarez pulled out of the deal. His real estate broker, the seller, everyone was pushing him to buy. But he just wasn't sure prices would keep going up, and if they didn't it would be a financial disaster.

As for Newland, he's still looking. He said he has been outbid more times that he'd like to share.

"I know I can't really afford a mortgage," Newland said. "But I also know I have to buy a house."

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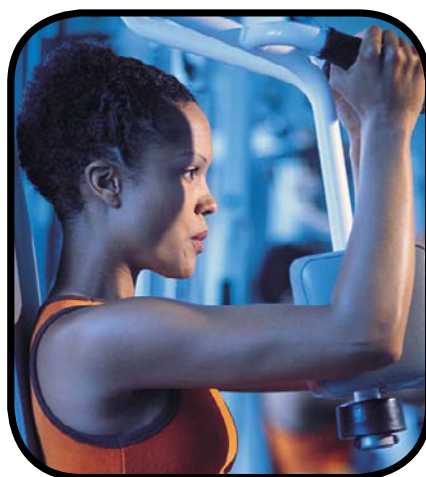
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Real Estate

Washington Post staff writers **YLAN Q. MUI** and **MICHAEL ROSENWALD** were online Thursday, Oct. 27, to discuss their story, "Only the Good Buy Young." Look for chats by real estate reporter Kirstin Downey in the coming weeks at [washingtonpost.com/liveonline](http://washingtonpost.com/liveonline).

**People are flocking to the D.C. Metro area by the thousands year after year. It is likely that a significant percentage of these individuals are in their 20s. That being said, why aren't there any affordable "starter homes" in the D.C./Metro area?**

**MICHAEL ROSENWALD:** That's a good question. The answer is complicated, but it has to do with the overall shortage in the market. There is just not enough available

land to really build all the houses the area needs. When developers do come across a nice piece of land, many are opting to build larger, more luxury type homes. In theory, when people move into their new luxury homes, they should be leaving more starter ones behind. But because of the shortage, those house price stay high. It's really a supply and demand thing.

**I just moved back to D.C. after almost 10 years in Ohio. At 34, I'm a little older than the folks in this article, but also have anxiety if I don't buy now, I won't ever be able to get in (at least, not as a solo buyer who's unwilling to live in a studio). My salary still makes an affordable mortgage payment seem like a far-fetched dream. How do I find co-investor roommates like the guys in LeDroit?**

**YLAN Q. MUI:** Well, I think two things: First, that you need to be really careful who you go in with. Those guys have been friends for years, so they knew they could trust



First-time home-buyer Paul Newland and real estate agent Adam Iobst leave a townhouse they toured in Germantown, Md.

each other. It's the kind of thing that goes without saying, but really give it some thought. It could easily turn ugly! So, second, you might want to start with your own friends who

have some money socked away. If they haven't been so good at saving, try [craigslist.org](http://craigslist.org) (that's actually how I found these guys) or City Paper classifieds ... (Not to plug the

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**For the subjects of your article, which was the biggest obstacle**

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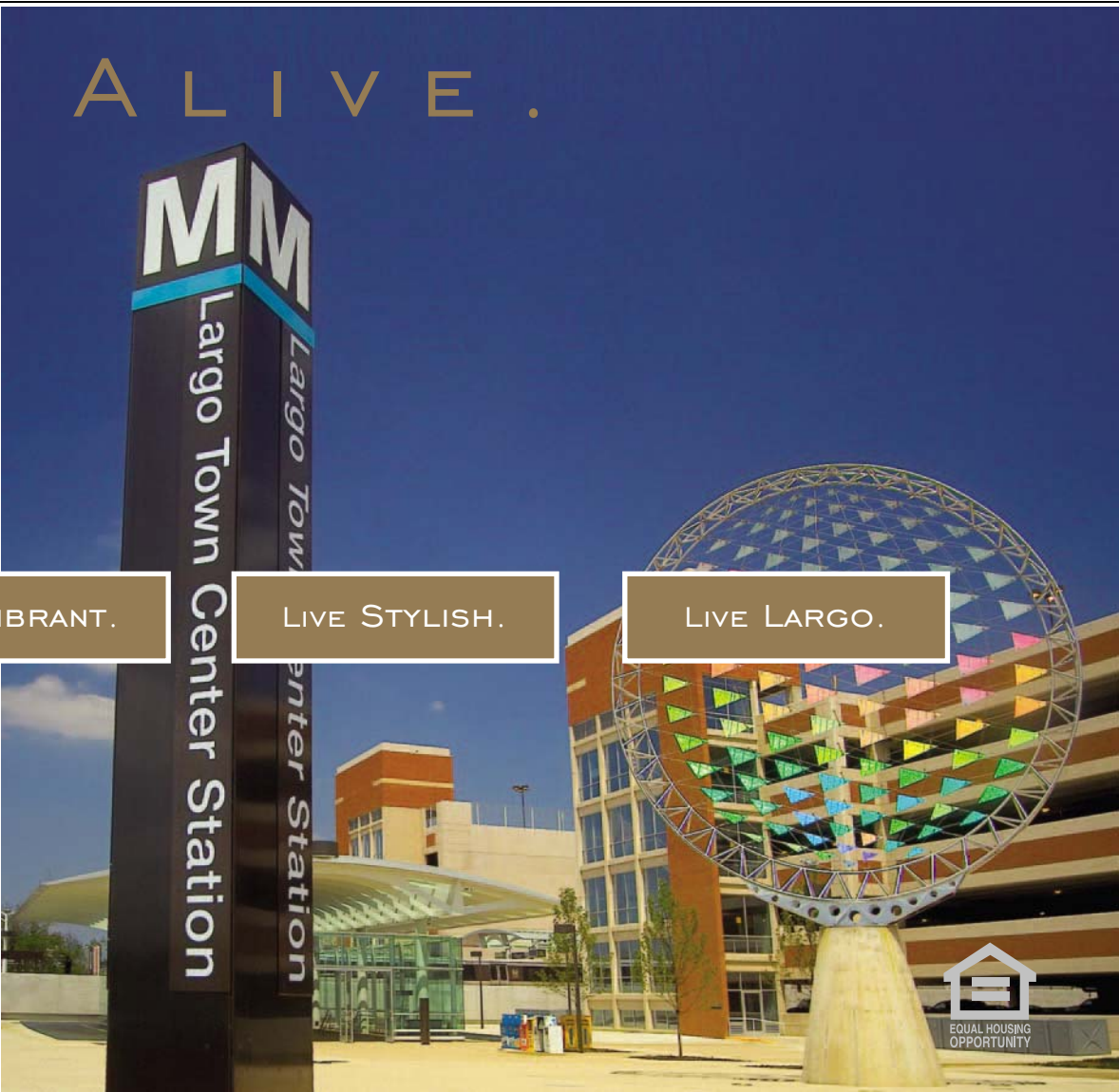
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**when purchasing a home, lack of cash or lack of credit?**

**MICHAEL ROSENWALD:** I think the biggest obstacle for our subjects was coming to terms with how much more they would have to pay per month vs. just paying rent. Going from renting to buying can nearly double your monthly housing payment, so you must really make sure you have that kind of cash to make that happen. You also have to be willing to change your lifestyle to support the payments — cutting down on new gadgets, dinners out, movies, sporting events, etc. You have to be willing to make trade-offs. And stick with them.

**I am a 26-year-old professional that was fortunate enough to get into the real estate market three years ago. I recently upgraded from a townhouse to a single-family home an hour away from work. Do you think the people like me that are moving out to the farther regions will have a big problem when/if there is a price decline?**

**MICHAEL ROSENWALD:** Having just bought a house myself in Germantown, I have thought a lot about your question. Here's my theory: The main driving of the region's economy is the federal government, and it's not exactly moving to Des Moines anytime soon. And the government and its counterpart in contracting and technology are adding jobs by the thousands. So I think there is enough population growth to support moving to "far away" areas.

**Many of us 20-somethings feel great pressure to buy, almost like we're participating in a game of musical chairs — and none of us want to be without a seat when the music stops. However, your piece omits the valid arguments in favor of renting. If only the "good" buy young, what did you learn from the "bad" who are passing on the frenzy? What is the true cost of home-ownership?**

**YLAN Q. MUI:** Renting is always an option, and I believe that there are some indications that rents are dipping slightly or staying flat. One of the guys I interviewed, Jeremias, had an amazing rent in a great location in Adams Morgan. He realized

that buying just wouldn't be worth it — that the true cost would probably be serious debt (especially when the market cools, and there is some indication that it already has) and also the loss of his social life!

**I am concerned how first-time home-buyers are purchasing homes. Common sense dictates that if one cannot afford a home with a traditional fixed rate mortgage, they have no business in purchasing that particular property. Are we headed for a national crisis where consumption lifestyles will prevail?**

**MICHAEL ROSENWALD:** You raise a valid point that first-time home-buyers need to face when making their decisions. For a lot of first-time buyers, those questions get put aside over the excitement of owning a home. These questions and concerns should be foremost in a buyer's head. Thanks for your note.

**My husband and I work hard and earn salaries that would make us well-off in most parts of the country, but we're not a two-attorney couple, and we can't afford to buy in this market. I'm sorry that other people have been making what I consider to be insane decisions, but I feel no responsibility to buy into this market and validate those decisions by keeping prices rising. A better title might have been "Only the Fools Buy Young"**

**YLAN Q. MUI:** There has actually been some discussion within the paper over whether or not that was the right headline to use. I'll bet there are a lot of others just like you — who are leaving the market altogether because the prices have gotten so high and out of control. Those who try to jump in unprepared can easily end up swamped. At the same time, those who have figured out how to make it work for them are definitely sitting pretty.

**What are your thoughts on these young people buying these properties with risky mortgages? I personally find it hard to believe that any good can come of this.**

**MICHAEL ROSENWALD:** Your question highlights an important aspect to home buying: One has to be comfortable with the investment. Many people feel that since the market has swung so far one way that at some point it has to swing the other

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way. Some people don't think that at all. What's important is that you carefully weigh the risks of buying a home. Because, after all, for many people it is the biggest financial risk they will ever take.

**I think that real estate prices in the metro Washington region are so outrageous that it's become down-right offensive. The market very clearly favors people with six- or seven-figure incomes, which by default excludes people like me who make a modest but decent wage. Is there any hope whatsoever for young middle-class people like me to be able to afford a place on our own without having to resort to such desperate payment measures like interest-only payments or taking on five or six roommates?**

**YLAN Q. MUI:** I would say there is hope, but you may have to compromise on what you'll take. I feel like you can always find \*something\* (Though maybe I am an optimist?) It's just a matter of what. Hence, the folks who live in Frederick, the urban pioneers who speculate on which neighborhoods in D.C. will be hot next, etc., etc.

**I have a question regarding one of the "tips" mentioned in your article. The tip was to have parents take over monthly bills for a little while to inflate the amount of money in the young buyer's bank account. How much should one have in their bank accounts in anticipation of buying a home? And since other outstanding debt usually factors into the equation, is it better to reduce one's student loan debt or to keep a larger amount of cash on hand in a bank account?**

**MICHAEL ROSENWALD:** I think that most people would say you need three to four months' worth of living and housing expenses before a lender will seriously consider a large loan. I know that was the situation when I recently purchased my own first home. Good luck.

**One thing I wonder is if employers are picking up on this trend and trying to come up with any sort of assistance programs. I know that recently my employer had someone resign due only to the fact they could not afford to buy in this area,**

**so they relocated. Do you think that will be a new trend by employers?**

**YLAN Q. MUI:** We haven't heard of that, but hey, CEOs, listen up! It's not a bad idea! Some companies do give their employees access to financial advice or may have credit unions where you could get loans with lower interest rates, however.

**Do you believe that younger people are going to miss out if they don't invest in real estate right now?**

**MICHAEL ROSENWALD:** That's exactly why we did this piece. We wanted to know how young people feel about the market and how they are reacting. I'd say overall, that fear of being left behind was one of the major drivers of why the people we spoke with made a purchase. From personal experience, I can tell you that I also feared being left behind — I'm 30 years old — and therefore that was a major driver in my own purchase of a new home.

**A common quandary is that the profit you make from selling your D.C. home isn't as profitable when faced with the problem of buying another home in the D.C. metro area. So, it makes me wonder about the plans of the three roommates in your article who are selling their D.C. house? Are they staying in the D.C. metro area and doing another investment?**

**YLAN Q. MUI:** I think that those three guys have made so much money between the sale of their first condo and the sale of this house that they're doing fine. One of the guys is going off on his own to live in Penn Quarter/Gallery Place. The other two are looking to buy a building in Columbia Heights and renovate it.

**Can I assume that none of the subjects interviewed were confident that the market would come back down again, or at least stagnate? And for those with interest-only and ARM mortgages, how did they plan on handling the payments once the rates jumped?**

**MICHAEL ROSENWALD:** Great question. I think most people who get interest-only and/or ARM loans are banking on two things: either selling the house before the new amounts come due (and making a profit at the same time) or they hope that their salaries will increase to help soften the blow. Of course, both strategies are big gambles.

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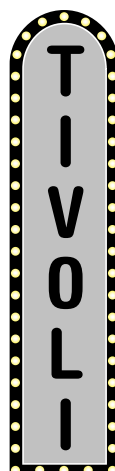
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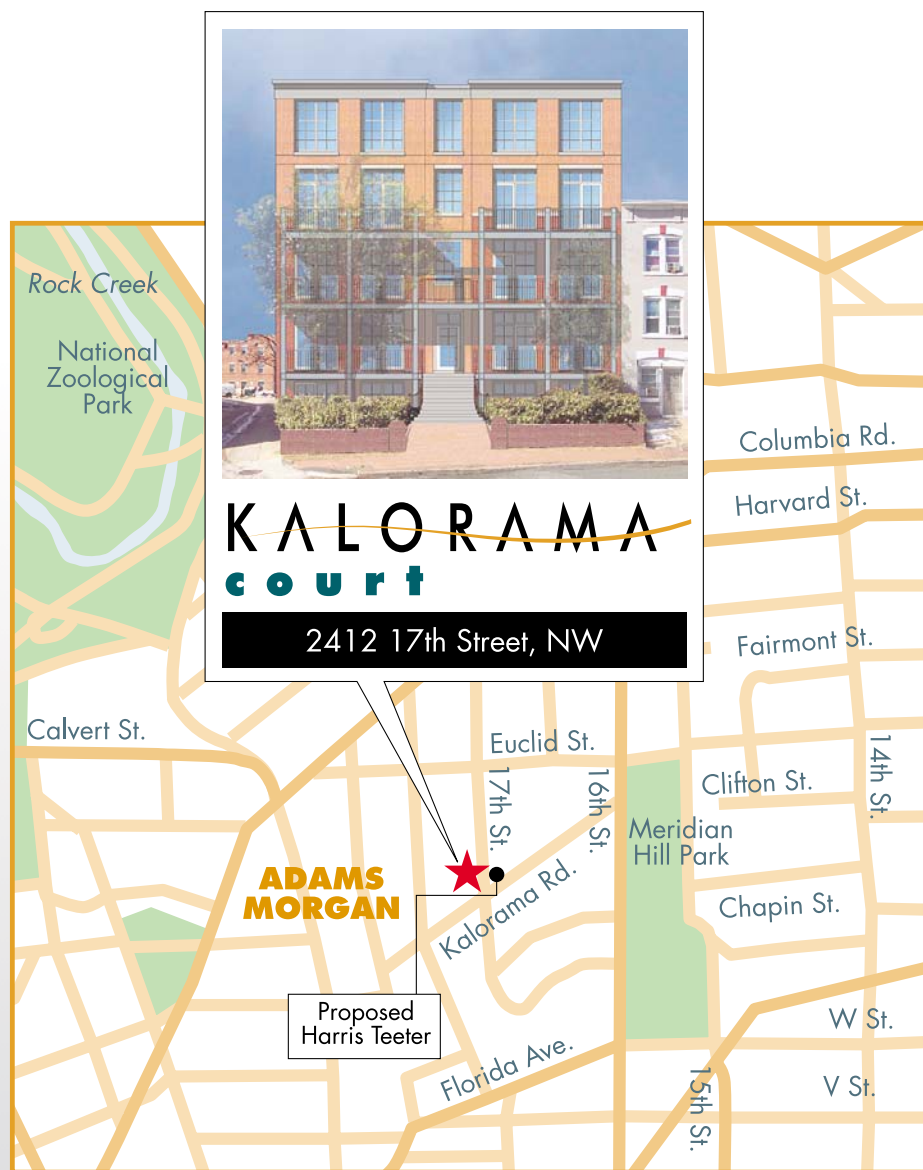
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[www.hocmc.org](http://www.hocmc.org)

### < PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

[www.goprincegeorgescounty.com](http://www.goprincegeorgescounty.com)

### < VIRGINIA HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: [www.vhda.com](http://www.vhda.com)

### < WASHINGTON, D.C. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: [www.dhcd.dc.gov](http://www.dhcd.dc.gov)

## NEIGHBORHOOD SITES

### WASHINGTON, D.C.

- < [about.dc.gov](#)
- < [neighborhoodaction.dc.gov](#)

### NEIGHBORHOOD

- < **ADAMS MORGAN:** [adamsmorgan.net](#)
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- < **CHEVY CHASE:** [chevychasecitizens.org](#)
- < **CLEVELAND PARK:** [clevelandpark.com](#)
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- < **CRESTWOOD:** [crestwood-dc.org](#)
- < **DUPONT CIRCLE:** [dupont-circle.com](#)
- < **FOXHALL:** [foxhall.org](#)
- < **H Street NE:** [hstreetcdc.org](#)
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- < **LOGAN CIRCLE:** [logancircle.org](#)
- < **MOUNT PLEASANT:** [mtpleasantdc.org](#)
- < **OLD CITY:** [oldcitycapitolhill.org](#)
- < **PALISADES:** [palisadesdc.org](#)
- < **PENN-BRANCH:** [anc7b.org/penn-](#)

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- < **PETWORTH:** [petworthdc.net](#) and [petworthnews.blogs.com](#)
- < **SHAW:** [shawdc.com](#)
- < **SOUTHWEST:** [swdc.org](#)
- < **TAKOMA PARK:** [takomadc.com](#)
- < **U STREET:** [ustreet.com/csna](#)

### MARYLAND

- < [dcmetro.maryland.com](#)
- < [mddccommunity.com](#)

### COUNTY

- < **MONTGOMERY COUNTY:** [montgomerycountymd.gov](#)
- < **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY:** [co.pg.md.us](#) and [pgcoc.org](#)

### NEIGHBORHOOD/CITY

- < **BELTSVILLE:** [beltsville.com](#)
- < **BETHESDA:** [BETHESDA.ORG](#)
- < **BLADENSBURG:** [porttowns.com/blad/blad.htm](#)
- < **BOWIE:** [cityofbowie.org](#)
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- < **CHEVY CHASE:** [northchevychase.org](#)
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- < **LAUREL:** [laurel.md.us](#)
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- < **ROCKVILLE:** [rockvillemd.gov](#)
- < **SEAT PLEASANT:** [seatpleasantmd.gov](#)
- < **SILVER SPRING:** [gsscc.org](#) and [downtownsilverspring.com](#)
- < **TAKOMA PARK:** [cityoftakomapark.org](#)

### NORTHERN VIRGINIA

- < [novaregion.org](#)

### NEIGHBORHOOD/CITY

- < **ALEXANDRIA:** [ci.alexandria.va.us](#)
- < **ARLINGTON:** [co.arlington.va.us](#) and [arlingtonvirginiausa.com](#)
- < **FAIRFAX:** [co.fairfax.va.us](#)
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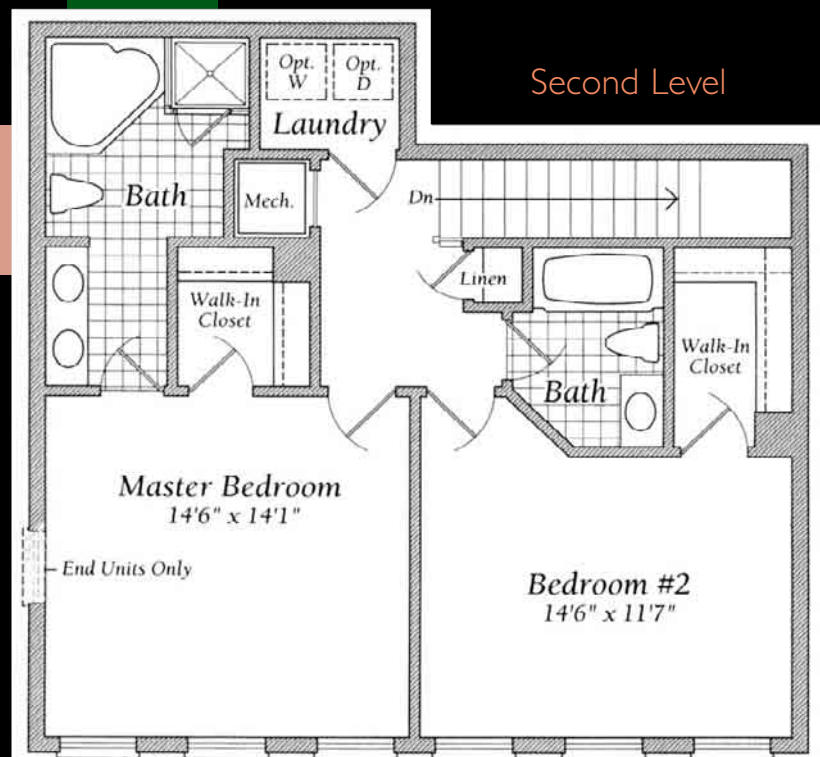
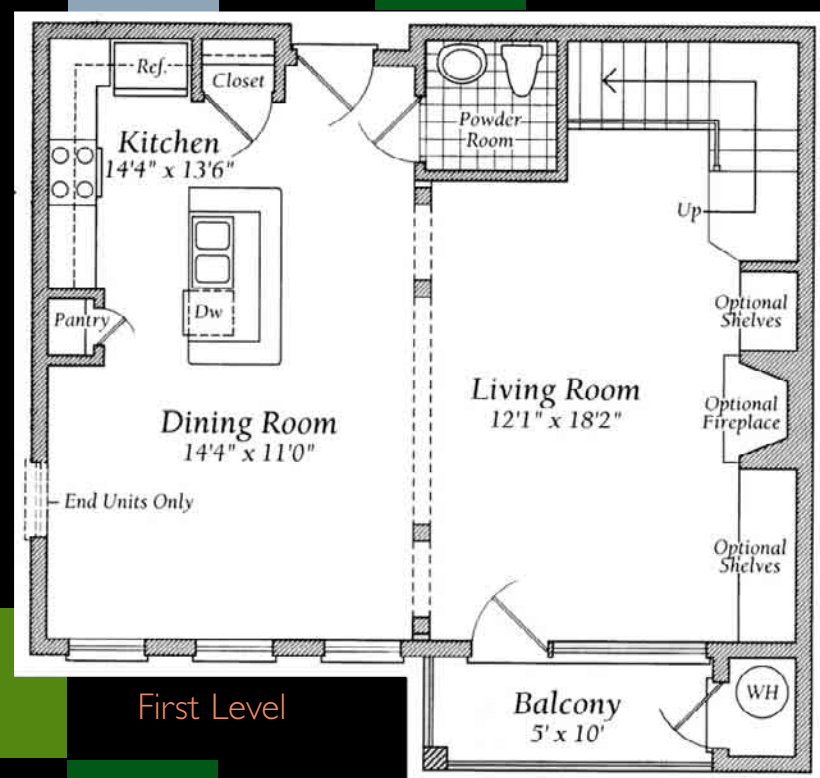
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Mortgage Amount	4%	4.5%	5%	5.5%	6%	6.5%	7%	7.5%	8%	8.5%	9%	9.5%	10%
\$180,000	859	912	966	1,022	1,079	1,138	1,198	1,259	1,321	1,384	1,448	1,514	1,580
\$200,000	955	1,013	1,074	1,136	1,199	1,264	1,331	1,398	1,468	1,538	1,609	1,682	1,755
\$220,000	1,050	1,115	1,181	1,249	1,319	1,391	1,464	1,538	1,614	1,692	1,770	1,850	1,931
\$240,000	1,146	1,216	1,288	1,363	1,439	1,517	1,597	1,678	1,761	1,845	1,931	2,018	2,106
\$260,000	1,241	1,317	1,396	1,476	1,559	1,643	1,730	1,818	1,908	1,999	2,092	2,186	2,282
\$280,000	1,337	1,419	1,503	1,590	1,679	1,781	1,863	1,958	2,055	2,153	2,253	2,354	2,457
\$300,000	1,432	1,520	1,610	1,703	1,799	1,896	1,996	2,098	2,201	2,307	2,414	2,523	2,633
\$320,000	1,528	1,621	1,718	1,817	1,919	2,023	2,129	2,237	2,348	2,461	2,575	2,691	2,808
\$340,000	1,623	1,723	1,825	1,930	2,038	2,149	2,262	2,377	2,495	2,614	2,736	2,859	2,984
\$360,000	1,719	1,824	1,933	2,044	2,158	2,275	2,395	2,517	2,642	2,768	2,897	3,027	3,159
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